Mortgage cuts will bring rise in prices

Hope of rate cut is clear sign of recovery

DIANE COYLE and PAUL WALLACE

The prospect of lower interest rates following the recent sharp rise in house prices is the clearest sign yet that a recovery in the bousing market is under way for the first time in five years.

After years of gloom, Britain's 16 million home owners face the virtual certainty of lower horrowing costs and rising house prices.

The chances that the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, will cut base rates after his meeting with the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, on Thursday were raised yesterday by news that manufacturing is in recession and inflationary pressures are vanishing.

At the same time a sharp rise in house prices last month gave the clearest sign so far of

improved prospects.

Mr Clarke's scope for reducing borrowing costs was also helped by further signs of economic weakness in the US, increasing the likelihood that in-Atlantic and elsewhere later this

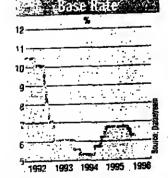
London's financial markets regard a quarter-point reduction in the level of base rates to 6 per cent after the forthcoming monctary meeting as a racing certainty. The Bank is thought to he unlikely to object to a third reduction in four months even though Mr George advised delaying January's move.

Lower mortgage rates would almost certainly follow, helping boost the bousing market

The Treasury said the Chancellor would make his decision on all the evidence. "It doesn't do to focus on one sector of the economy at the expense of others," n spokesman said.

Nevertheless, interest rate hopes took share prices higher yesterday, with the FT-SE 100 index ending just over 25 points higher at 3752.7.

House prices jumped 1.4 per cent in Fehruary according to the Nationwide building sociery's index. This took them to a level 0.9 per cent higher than a year earlier, the first time since



last April that prices have risen

The Halifax's index, due on Mooday, is also expected to show an increase in prices in

covering," said Ian Shepherdson, a housing expert at HSBC

trend pointed to a "modest" recovery. A spokesman, Philip Williamson, said: "We are confident that recent signs of improvement will mark the begin ning of a moderate but sustained recovery in the market."

A base rate cut would lead to further reductions in the cost of home loans, already at their low-est level for more than 30 years. The Nationwide raised the stakes in the mortgage war by cutting its standard variable mortgage rate to 6.99 per cent just over a week ago. Its competitors are under pressure to

survey of manufacturing showed industry moving into recession last mooth. It also reof the survey are extremely helpful to the Chancellor and

ty fell below 50 - the dividing line between expansion and contraction - for the first time

In its higgest plunge for four years, the survey's prices index fell from 49.1 to 44.4, the lowest since January 1992. This raised hopes that manufacturers may soon be paying less for their inputs of materials.

tries, which make up almost one-third of muoufacturiog. were more buoyaot than a depressed investment and intermediate goods sector. "The figures for the consumer sector were relatively good." said Peter Thomson, director-general Purchasing and Supply. "The question is whether the rest of

small pick up io consumer

A further sign of weakness was that the employment index was below the 50 watershed, pointing to job cuts, for the second month running.

"We cannot expect this kind of increase every month, but the housing market is definitely re-

The Nationwide said the

follow its example. Separately, the influential ported a sharp fall in the prices index, to its lowest for more than three years. "The contents make a rate cut odds-on," said Simon Briscoe, a City economist

at Nikko Europe.

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The decline last mooth was centred in the investment and intermediate goods industries. Deteriorating order books in these sectors swamped a further goods sector.



Civil servants

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Fleur Lombard, whose life has been judged worth £950, and

(left) Kevin Lane, whose partner will receive no pension

Fury at 'disgraceful and insulting' offer to family of woman killed searching for fire victims Blaze heroine Fleur's life is worth just £950

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

The parents of heroine Fleur Lombard, the first female firefighter to be killed on active duty in Britain, will get just £950 compensation for her death, the independent has learned...

Last night Jane Lombard. Fleur's mother, still mourning the death of her daughter last month, was angered by the payment. This is all very dessing. £950 is not much for

a life," she said.

The 21-year-old female fire-fighter was killed when the roof of a Co-op store in Bristol. collapsed as she went into the building to see if shoppers were trapped. Her family has set up a trust fund for the rehabilita-

tion of firefighters in her name. In a separate case, the com-mon law wife of a part-time Gwent fireman, Kevin Lane, who died fighting a fire two days earlier, will receive no pension because although she was the mother of his 10-year-old son. she was not married to him. The wife a colleague, Stephen Grif-fin, who died in the same blaze last month will receive full pension rights. Both men had entered a blazing house at Blaina in the misapprehension that a child was inside.

The Fire Brigades Union has protested to the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, over the about person rules and the disgraceful and insulting" compensation offered to Mrs Lombard. In a letter to Mr Howard, Ken Cameron; leader of the union, registered his "extreme concern" about the efficiencies of the pension scheme which means only married spouses of firefighters killed on duty get payments.

a union have campaigned for many decades in order to have .

pension scheme. Individuals who daily tisk their lives in or der to protect the public are en-titled to ensure their partners or other relatives benefit from a scheme to which they have communicated over their service.

He reminded the minister that a working party had been set up on the issue by the Contral Fire Brigades. Advisory Council and that a decision by ministers was fong overdue.

The compensation scheme, which is administered by the Na

tional Joint Council for Local Authority Fire Brigades, recog nises common law spouses. Th partners of the two Gwent his men will get himp sums of around £85,000 each.

Mr Cameron told the Inde-pendent: The Prime Minister in the Commons paid his tribute and offered his sympathy to the families. He should now ensure that their nearest and dearest have access to justice and prac-rical help." A recessionan for the Home Offer said Mr. Cameron would receive a full reply to his letter and that the Government was conducting a review of fire service pensions

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Mr Cameron wrote: "We as

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Adams is granted visa for visit to US

and DONALD MACINTYRE

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein In the Commons vesterday, president, is to be given a visa Shadow public service spokes-man. Derek Foster, challenged for the United States so that he can attend the St Patrick's Day junior trade and industry mincelebrations.

ister John Taylor, who was sit-In a move, which will anger ting opposite him io the sections of the Tory party, Preschamber for a debate on the ident Bill Clinton decided to whistleblowers' Bill, to explain graot a visa to Mr Adams but the Government's position. to attach conditions which restrict him to a single entry and Mr Foster said Mr Taylor was from "one of the departments prevent him raising fuods for Sinn Fein.

The decision was confirmed where civil servants are under threat of disciplinary action.

and indeed dismissal" and was last night by US officials and the "in the best position" to make White House was due to make a formal announcement later. He added: "With no minister The officials said the conditions taking responsibility, it would be had been imposed as a gesture shameful for the Government of condemnation of the IRA's to try to off-load all responsidecision to end its 17-month ceasefire. Downing Street would only say last night that the granting of a visa to Mr Adams hility for the Scott report oo to civil servants." Mr Taylor said he would report Mr Foster's was "a malter for the US govconcerns to Ian Lang, President ernment," which is consistent

of the Board of Trade. Mr Foster later sent a letter to Roger Freemao, the public TURN TO PAGE 2

This is in sharp contrast to the which the British government strongly and publicly opposed. But British officials have been

keen to point out that neither British nor Irish Ministers are at present meeting Shan Fein and only officials may do so. That carries the clear implication that a meeting between Mr Adams and either the president or the vice-president. Al Gore, would

be unacceptable in London. The relatively "hands off" ap-proach adopted by Whitehall could reflect a resignation in government circles to the prospect that Mr Adams would anyway be granted a visa. But it may also stem from the hope it may also stem from the hope Government is not very happy that the US will apply pressure with it. He may be banned on Mr Adams to secure a from fund-raising in the States restoration of the censefire. In president visiting the US.

Nevertheless, the granting of a visa, at a time when Mr Adams has conspicuously failed

first granting of a US visa to the the IRA ceasefire, will anger not Sina Fein president last year only the Ulster Unionists but also some prominent Tory backbenchers with an interest in Northern Ireland issues.

David Wilshire, the Tory MP for Spelthome, who this week attacked the peace bid by John Major and John Bruton as "appeasement", said last night.
"Adams will be going to New
York with blood on his hands. "There have been three

deaths in London. He has not condemned the bombings. It raises questions about Clinton's judgement," Mr Wilshire said: A ministerial source said: "The backbench will be extremely angry about this. The

but that's too late. The money has already fied from the States. The money has already fied from the States. becefit in the Sinn Fein. The Government president visiting the 110 sulted about the visa and is miderstood to have suggested that

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Tougher penalties The Lord Chief Justice signailed a tough new attitude to death crash drivers with dramatic increases in the sentences of two convicted men. Page 6

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CHRIS BLACKHURST

Westminster Correspondent

Ministers vesterday refused to

rule-out disciplinary action

against civil servants criticised

in the Scott report oo arms to

Iraq and provoked a bitter

They ignored repeated calls from the Opposition to make a

statement on yesterday's dis-

closure in The Independent that

officials are not in the dear over

Scott Labour MPs were in-

censed by a Government source saying that while ministers had

had their trial and been ac-

quitted - a reference to last

Monday's narrow Commons

victory in the Scott vote - civil

The row erupted as John

Marshall, the Tory MP Hendon South, disclosed he had threat-

ened to rebel over Scott in the

vote after last Monday's debate

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a humiliating defeat because the Prime Minister had told him the

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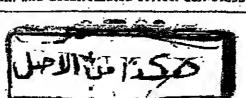
British government over the last

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John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, moved swiftly yester-day to calm British reaction to

the IRA Army Council's refusal of an immediate restoration of

its ceasefire, condemned by

DONALD MACINTYRE

Mackay threat on pension splitting could provoke backbench revolt

Tories face Commons defeat over divorce

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The Government was warned it could face a Tory backbench rehellion and a defeat in the the vote in the Lords to give wives who divorce a share in

their husband's pension.
The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, strongly hinted that the Government will seek to drop the measure for pensions splitting, which was forced into the Family Law Bill by Lahour peers, and Tory rebels, including former minis-

Ann Winterton, one of the Tory MPs opposed to the Bill's main provisions to reform the divorce laws, said she would be prepared to vote for the amendment on pensions splitting to stay in the Bill when it goes to the Commons.

"I have a great deal of sympathy with the amendment. In this change to the divorce law ... the definition of the assets of the couple, the pension does figure very strongly.

"I think the Lord Chancellor should take to heart the decision in the Lords and say that. although this amendment may be flawed, they will do something about it, either by a separate piece of legislation or by something in this Bill.

Although Labour will vote for the Bill in the Commons, it will support the amendment leaving the Government facing the majority wiped out by a back-

bench rebellion. Lord Mackay said: "I doubt very much whether anyone is suggesting it [pensions splitting] can be done properly within the timetable of this Bill ... The issue is being passed to the Secretary of State for Social Security, Peter Lilley, to sort

ment stressed the problems may prove impossible to deal

with in the Bill. The practical difficulties include a three-year delay in putting pensions on the Government computer. The Department of Social Security also said pensions splitting would create a tax advantage. compared with married couples. for those who were divorced: that anomaly would undermine the Government's policy on the family.

The defeat has further undermined the Lord Chancellor's standing with Tory MPs, who are pposed to the main thrust of the Bill to reform the divorce laws. One Tory MP said: "The whole thing is a disaster. He ought to scrap it all."

There is no immediate threat to the Lord Chancellor's position, but the Bill is proving a thorn in the Government's side.

The Lord Chancellor yesterday said it would be better to deal with pensions splitting properly by issuing a Green Paper to consider all these matters The problems are very real

and nothing can be done to bring this into effect ... for quite a considerable time. "I would say it's better to have the legislative provisions clear-

them in the statute book." Frank Field, Labour chair-man of the Commons Select Committee on Social Security. said the Lords made the right threat of having its wafer-thin decision on the principle of

> practical difficulties. "There is the initial difficulty of computing a value to what pension entitlement up to the point of divorce is, and then splitting that and allowing some of those funds to be taken from the scheme," he said. "The Lords made the right decision.



Pipers and drummers of the Atholl Highlanders, the Duke of Atholl's private army, march behind the coffin at the

ically 'holding a pistol to his

His remarks last night revived

Labour demands for the sack-

ings of Mr Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury,

and Sir Nicholas, the Attorney

General, who were heavily crit-

icised in the Scott report. If the

Government had lost the vote,

the two ministers would have

faced intense pressure from

Tory backbenchers for their

head' was sufficient."

Major's Scott vote hand revealed

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

A Tory MP vesterday said he had voted to save the Government from a humiliating deleat in the Scott arms-to-Iraq debate because the Prime Minister had warned the Ulster Unionists were "putting a pistol to his

John Marshall, who had threatened to vote against the Government, changed his mind

Government of "moral cow-

ardice" by not indicating

whether disciplinary action was likely ahead of last Monday's

Downing Street said it was up

to individual departments if

they thought action was neces-

sary. Those departments

affected would only say that in-

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ly thought out before you put FROM FRONT PAGE service minister, accusing the ing themselves for a full-scale

pension splitting, in spite of the out, but yesterday his depart- one of principle."

after two meetings with Mr Major because the Prime Minister was being blackmailed by the Ulster Unionists to give concessions which Mr Major feared would have wrecked the Northern Ireland peace plans.

The Government won hy one vote, and last night Labour warned it will challenge the Prime Minister over the disclosures by the Tory MP for Hendon South when Mr Major returns from the Far East.

quiries were still continuing.

Civil service unions are brac-

row with the Government if of-

ficials are punished and minis-

Liz Symons, General Secre-

tary of the First Division Asso-

ciation, which represents senior

officials across Whitehall, has

sent an urgent letter to Mr Free-

man seeking assurances they

will not be touched.

ters walk away scot-free.

- avoiding the resignations of William Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas Lyell - because of warnings on Northern Mr Marshall said: "The mere fact they were metaphor-

Prime Minister did not go into the precise details of the Ulster Unionists demands. But the

the report, leaving civil ser-

responsibility."

Robin Cook, shadow Foreign

Secretary, questioned how many more Tory MPs changed

their minds over the Scott affair

resignations. Mr Marshall said: "In my Discipline threat for civil servants view, those who made mistakes should have walked."

the Ulster Unionists, denied any "The FDA believes it would deal had been sought. be extraordinarily unfair if dis-But Mr Marshall's account ciplinary action were taken supported the Government's version of the tense negotiaagainst civil servants after ministers have effectively exonertions, which broke down when Mr Major refused to give way ated themselves," said Ms any further, leaving the nine UI-She added: "Ministers cannot ster Unionists to vote against. be allowed simply to walk away from the criticisms of them in the Government.

John Major as a "sick joke". The Taoiseach also went out of his way to join Mr Major in urging Sinn Fein to persuade the IRA to abandon violence. "We don't want another life or another moment to be lost," Mr Bruton declared.

In an early morning meeting in Bangkok, where both leaders are attending an EU-Asia economic summit, Mr Bruton sought to reassure Mr Major that the IRA's opaque and apparently negative statement on Thursday was not its final and considered response to the communique issued after Wednesday's Anglo-Irish sum-mit which set a date for all-

party talks.

Mr Bruton gave a series of interviews in which he made clear the Irish government's view that there was now no excuse for the IRA not to restore the ceasefire.

He told Irish radio: We now

have a a definite date for all-partv talks. It's June 10. It's now for Sinn Fein to fulfil their part of the exercise, get the IRA to stop the killing and then everybody will be able to sit round the

Mr Bruton, who unlike Mr Major had time to consult officials at home before responding publicly to the Army ouncil statement, was said to be reassured that it was a response to the pre-arranged meeting with Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams and SDLP leader John Hume on Wednesday rather than to the communique. He said it was issued as David Trimble, the leader of | if the Anglo-Trish summit "had

not occurred at all." Downing Street made it clear vesterday that Mr Major was aware of the Irish analysis, but did not seek to reconcile his angry remarks of Thursday evening. But Mr Adams said they were "unhelpful" and that it was not the time for "knee-jerk" reactions.

Animal exporter fined and banned willins.

The animal exporter Roger Mills was fined £1,000 and banned from the road for a year yesterday after being found guilty of dangerons driving at a demonstration in the Essex port of Brightlingsea in May. Animal rights protester Sandra Lister suffered stomach mjuries when she was hit by his Land-Rover. Harwich magis-

trates suspended the sentence pending an appeal by Mills, 54, of Framilingham, Suffolk. Magazine code plan A Commons Bill to curb explicit serval content in teenage girls

posed second reading. The Government hopes publishers will agree a voluntary code be fore legislation is introduced.

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Toll verdict delayed A Scottish sheriff reserved

judgement on a legal challenge to tolk on the Skye Bridge. By decision day next Friday up to 200 drivers will have been charged with refusing to pay the £4.30 car toll:

£1.3m on a plate

Eighty personalised car number plates sold for £1.3m at a London auction. One buyer paid more than £71,000 for NI CKY. NI- NJA went for £21,780, NI XON for £37,480, I GW for £69,800 and 1 EM for £47,800.

A new flavour

Ostrich burgers will be on the lunch menu on Monday at Avon Valley school in Newbold. Warwickshire. Catering man-ager Yvonne Bruun said: "They have less fat than beef."

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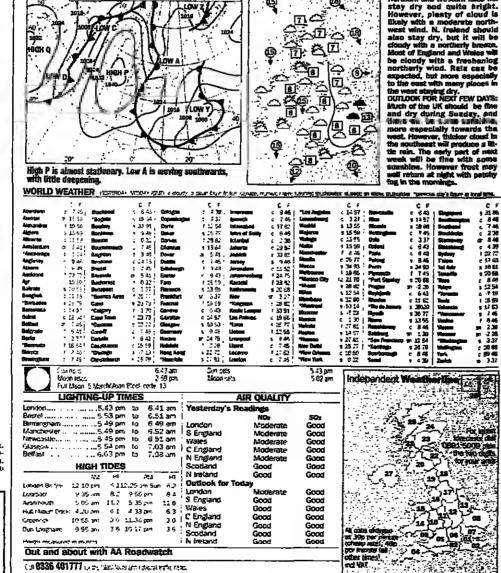
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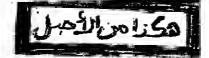
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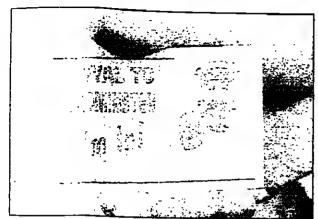
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Leominster's traders play the loyalty card in attempt to trump out-of-town supermarket



RICHARD SMITH

More than 60 shopkeepers in an ancient Hereford and Worcester market town are fighting hack against the large out-oftown supermarket they claim has hadly hit their takings. Traders in the town, which has

a population of 10,000, have handed together to launch their own loyalty card scheme offering gifts and discounts of up to 25 per cent for shoppers using the town centre.

The "Loyal To Leominster" campaign has been organised by Graham Hurley, a butcher, to ture back shoppers from Safeway's out-of-town store, which opened nearly four years ago.

A recent survey by the local Chamber of Commerce revealed that 35 shops in the town centre were empty and six more had been converted into houses. Two town-centre supermarkets have closed, while three garages, a petrol station and a pub are also empty.

"Safeway's really knocked at Freeman Hardy and Willis. the town centre for six and we have been wallowing in self-pity ever since." said Mr Hurley. 45. who owns a specialist pork butcher's shop. "A lot of small retailers closed down ... It's too easy to park up at Safeway, do all your shopping and forget about the town centre.

"My turnover went down by 33 per cent overnight and al-

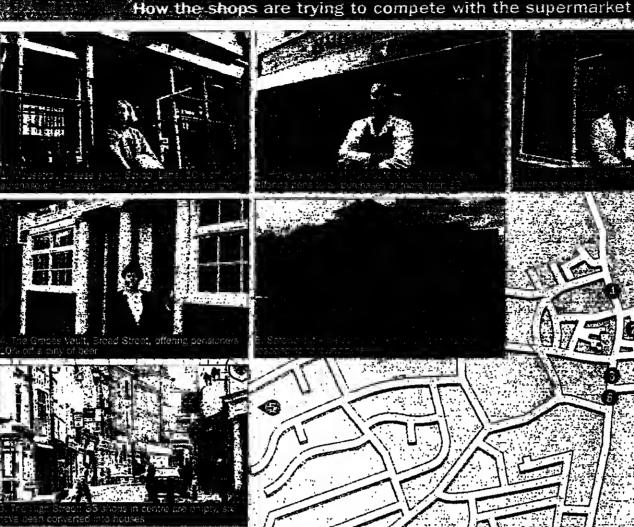
ual recovery its nowhere near back to the previous levels." He added: "This will show people that shopkeepers in Leominster are not just a bunch of groaners. Although the supermarkets are elever at their oh they cannot compete with

the discounts we are offering." The shops have spent £800 printing 10,000 membership cards. Every home in the town has been sent a leaflet with a picture of Lord Kitchener pointng a finger and asking: "Are you loval to Leominster.

Joining the scheme will be free and shoppers will be entitled to a wide range of cash discounts from local shops, building societies and insurance brokers. For instance, Ann's Pat-a-Cake bakery is offering 10 per cent off all purchases over £1 and there are similar discounts on children's summer clothes at Goody Two Shoes, the Olive Branch restaurant, meals at the Talbot Hotel, and shoes costing more than £20

Monica Todd, president of the Chamber of Commerce and an insurance broker, said: "Its a hrilliant idea - we have got to take on the supermarket giants if we are going to survive. There are around 100 shops in the town and the main reason so many are empty is the success of Safeway and the spi-

ralling cost of business rates.



Market Day, there isn't a huzz about the place any more because people are not coming here. This should certainly help to revitalise Leominster. The alternative is . . . to . . , just give in."

Leominster's narrow streets follow a medieval grid pattern and even though there are three town-centre car parks shoppers always face a short walk with their provisions.

Somerfield and Quicksave have supermarkets on the fringe 1 think the whole town dies a

of the town's main shopping area, but locals insist that their effect on the town centre is minimal compared to the Safeway store three-quarters of a mile away in Barons Cross Road which has its own post of-

Susan Fenton, 63, a retired farmer, said: "I'm disabled and it is easier to park and shop at Safeway - it would take at least an extra half-hour and a lot of carrying in the town centre. But

death when the centre goes "Its one of those rolling balls the less shops that are open the fewer neople will come into town. It isn't much fun wandering round a town where half the shops are empty."

A Safeway spokesman said: "The important thing about our store is that ultimately it recaptures trade that was being lost to Hereford . . . Its very welcome to hear that people in Leominster are responding to customers.

advance on road protest

ued to clear the largest protest camp blocking the route of the

Newbury bypass.
Police said the arrests were for obstruction and aggravated trespass as protesters, some in tree-houses, offered resistance. Thames Valley police said: "The protesters have been putting up quite a struggle."

Police moved into the "Pixie Village" site in Snelsmore Common, Berkshire, the biggest of more than 20 camps on the route, early on Thursday. There were 13 arrests on Thursday and several people were trampled underfoot in clashes on the ground between demon-

strators and police horses. The police presence was maintained overnight to prevent other protesters from joining those still in the trees and yespath to the treehouses. Bailiffs then went up in cranes known as cherry pickers to bring down the tree dwellers. One bailiff was repeatedly showered with urine during efforts to clear lower branches from a tree. Police said. "A woman in the tree had a bucket of urme and kept putting a stick in it then shaking it at the bailiff as he tried to climb the tree. But he carried on regardless.

Pete Foulding, a tunnel ex-pert, had confirmed that a maze frames beneath the camp was lear, police said.

Police prison vans filled up as tension remained high during the day. At least one protester appeared to have been arrested for assault. Fellow demonstrators accused police of

assaulting the profester. ■ Eight of the 13 arrested on Thursday have been charged with obstruction and aggravated trespass and given bail. One was released, two released after caution, one bailed to return. to a police station and one. remained in custody.

Fresh slicks raise fears of deliberate oil dumping

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

At least two other oil slicks have been appeared in the sea near the site of the Sea Empress spill. raising fears that other ships may be using the disaster to dump oil deliberately.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds yesterday said that oiled birds were being picked up in Rhyl, north Wales, too far away to have been affected by the Sea Empress. There has also been a spill on the North Devon coast which appears not to have come from

Members of the RSPB mon-

A jazz concert by Mussolini's

son Romano, organised by Fascist sympathisers, was expected to be picketed last night by Anti-Nazi League protesters. The black-tie event at the

Marriott Hotel, in Grosvenor

Square, central London, was

sponsored by an accommoda-

tion agency whose owners have links with the far right in Italy

Massimo Morsello and Roberto Fiore, who run the

Kensington-hased agency

Meeting Point, agreed to organise the concert because of their adoration for Il Duce.

The concert, given by Romano

Mussolini, a pianist, and his

quartet, was expected to attract

an audience of neo-Fascists.

despite his own non-political

and the United Kingdom.

A PAUL FIELD

slick on the Merioneth coast in north-west Wales, and another in Carmarthen Bay, site of the initial problem, neither of which

were from the Empress. Chris Harbard, spokesman for the RSPB, said yesterday: "We have picked up several common scoters near Rhyl and on the North Devon coast hirds have been in oil which appears different from that of the Empress." He said that ships coming to Britain were supposed to clear their oily hilges in port but that it was cheaper and quicker for them to do so while at sea.

This happens more often in the

Anti-Nazis picket jazz

gig by Mussolini's son

play, claimed he was ap-

proached by the planist's rep-

resentatives because of his

business expertise. He stressed

that he expected Italian jazz enthusiasts to attend hut ad-

mitted: "Our main interest is

that we are obviously Fascist, we

are open about that and we have

a weakness for his father."

Both Mr Morsello and Mr

Fiore were active in Italian far-

right politics in the early 1980s. The latter was a member of

Terza Posizione, the political wing of the Armed Revolu-

tionary Nuclei, which claimed

responsibility for the 1985

bombing of Bologna railway sta-tion which left 85 people dead

Mr Fiore and Mr Morsello

were sentenced in absentia to

and 200 injured.

itoring scheme had also seen a winter when the nights are hospital in Milford Haven he longer because the ships do it under cover of darkness.

> tion Unit confirmed the existence of at least two other slicks, but was unable to confirm their origin. A spokesman said: "We have no evidence that masters are discharging oil illegally on purpose.

> Meanwhile. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, on a St David's Day visit to Wales to talk about plans for a Weish Assembly, joined the Pembroke MP Nick Ainger to meet teams involved

in the clean-up operation. At the RSPCA emergency

time in 1956, has appeared in

most European countries and played with Chet Baker. He

made his London debut at the

is an Italian MP for the neo-

daughter by his second marriage

East, wrote to the hotel, urging the general manager, Franz Ferschke, to cancel the booking.

However, a lintel spokes-woman. Elaine Ellis, said it was

not the hotel's normal policy to

His daughter Alessandra, 33,

Soho Jazz Festival in 1991.

was shown oiled seabirds being fed and washed. So far more The Marine Control Polluthan 2.600 have been recovered but 1.500 have died. Mr Blair said: "It is absolutely essential that we take

steps to ensure that this never happens again". He said that recommendations made by Lord Donaldson in the wake of the Braer spill had not been implemented by the

government. Animal welfare groups involved in rescue operations will be able to claim compensation from the ship's insurers, the Government said last night.

Police in shoot-out with gang

but has never heard Romano though both men, who are 37. Seven people were arrested and one was wounded when armed police ambushed a gang still proclaim their innocence. Romano Mussolini, 69, performed in public for the first who had hijacked a security van

in London yesterday. Flying Squad officers had apparently been lying in wait for the van at the warehouse in Fulham, south-west London, following an armed robbery in

Fascist Alleanza Nazionale. His Police, wearing bullet-proof vests and carrying MP5 carbine machine pistols, fired up to Rachele, 21, a sociology student. is competing in the 1996 Miss seven shots in after stopping the Italy contest.

Last Thursday Glyn Ford.
MEP for Greater Manchester

suspect van.
A Scotland Yard spokeswoman described how n security van containing a large amount of cash had been making a delivery in the Knightsbridge area when it was hijacked by four armed men on

two motorcycles. The van was taken, with the guards inside, about four miles away to the derelict warehouse. As a result of the action of one shots were fired by the police," she said. "One of the suspects was slightly wounded with a grazed wrist."

Five men were arrested at the scene and another was picked on nearby. The seventh - a woman - was arrested later. The guards who were taken hostage were not hurt.

Police recovered the stolen cash as well as a loaded revolver, But Paul denied people were: masks and radios. An inquiry being encouraged to break the his being carried out by the law. You either starve and die h Complaints Investigatory Buis being carried out by the



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nine and ten years in jail for subaccept or reject bookings on any basis other than availability. versive associations and being Mr Morsello, who keeps a Squatter estate agency opens

Britain's newest estate agent opened vesterday with some inique property descriptions.

The Squatting Estate Agents was opened in a corner shop in Brighton by the campaign group Justice! Photographs of properties were displayed with comments such as "Easy to get in. Good condition. Been empty for a long time" and "Clean. nice but small. Alarmed with Chubb and Yale locks. Justice" claims Brighton has

the highest percentage of homelessness in the country. "While bits of paper are shuffled about and so-called urgent meetings waste hours, nothing ever seems to be done, so one practical solution is to squat," reads a publicity leaflet at the estate agent.

But not all has gone smoothly for the agency: the council served it with an affidavit to face court eviction proceedings on Monday. At the "grand opening" of the shop, one of the

group. Paul, said: "I wish the council would house people quicker than they evict people. Clive Buxton, a notelier, deplored the publicity being given to the resort. "We are a conference and tourist town and ... this is not doing it much

good." he said. on the street or you find some-

A Bill to protect individuals who blow the whistle on crime or malpractice at work cleared its first Commons hurdle by 118 votes to nil yesterday – despite the Government making plain

The Bill appeared to have got through to its committee stage, however, because of an error by

it represented "neither a practical or desirable way forward".

Without Government backing, the Bill is set to fail despite cross-party support and the hopes that it would be given a fair wind in the wake of the Scott report and commitments to more open government.

vate sectors, providing they raised the issue internally first, could convince a court they were acting in the public interest, and did not seek financial gain from their actions. Individuals could seek injunctions

preventing reprisals, while the £11,000 limit on compensation

vice" effective procedures for the "undoubtedly preferable option" of internal whistleblowing already existed. The Bill was therefore unnecessary. He also maintained - to flat denials from the Bill's sponsors, who included lain Duncan-Smith, the Conservative MP for Chingford

tion". It simply encouraged best practice, ensuring companies did not "try to cut corners

where they shouldn't". Don Touhig, Labour MP for Islwyn, the Bill's originator, said there were many examples. from the Zeehrugge ferry disaster to the Piper Alpha platSeveral Conservatives spoke against the Bill claiming it would be a "whingers" charter"

but Anthony Coombs, the Wyre Forest MP said it was a "valuable measure" which would protect the individual against large enterprise and the state.
"I believe that is a very sound

blower at Matrix Churchill had provided evidence to Whitehall that the firm's equipment was being used to make shell cases, and "the legal protection for responsible whistle-blowers that this Bill provides would be a valuable additional protection

and employers unsure what would constitute public interest. After the vote, Mr Touhig argued that it was "significant" in the wake of the Scott report that the Government had wisely decided not to test this measure by putting its supporters through the lobby". to our liberties and to public

Hewitt affair returns to haunt Diana

LOUISE JURY

The Prince of Wales headed off to the ski slopes of Klosters this weekend as the Princess of Wales was facing embarrassment from her former lover the ex-Army captain James Hewitt, who has given his first tele-vision interview on their affair.

News of the potentially explosive revolutions from Mr Hewitt came as lawyers acting for the Prince and Princess attempted quiet diplomacy overtheir divorce negotiations.

A royal war of words broke out on Wednesday after the Princess announced that she had had a private meeting with her husband that afternoon and agreed to end the marriage. She said they had agreed she would take the title Diana.

Princess of Wales, and continue to live at Kensington Paince. But Buckingham Palace expressed surprise and sold all defails remained to be settled. The contradictory statements prompted a tough letter from

Anthony Julius, the Princess's solicitor, to Fiona Shackleton at Farrer and Co, who acts for the Prince, Mr Julius warned: "If we ennnot rely on agreements that have been made, it would be unsale to continue negotiations."

Late resterday. Jane Atkinson, the Princess's press adviser, said a response had been received and Mr Julius was now considering the situation. But she said: We are giving no information about it at all. The

discussions now between the lawyers are absolutely confi-dential." She said the Princess. who pulled out of an engagement on Thursday in distress. had recovered her spirits.

A spokeswoman for the Prince's solicitor, Fiona Shackleton, said she had nothing to say - a view repeated by Buckingham Palace.
The silence left royal watch-

ers with the more gossip-worthy revelation that Mr Hewitt, the 37-year-old former Army captain, has given a filmed interview to the journalist Anna Pasternali, who wrote a much-derided book about his relations with the Princess.

Sebastian Rich, 42, a former ITN cameraman, was named as the film crew for the kiss-andtell footage in which Mr Hewitt reportedly answers 130 questions about every aspect of his royal liaison. Miss Pasternak, 29, said: "Mr Hewitt is very trank, honest and candid about their physical relationship in the same way as the Princess was in her Panorama interview."

Broadcusting experts esti-mated the film could fetch a seven-figure sum with worldwide interest, heightened by the royal divorce. The London office of the American network CBS News said: "There was a scramble for Diana's Pattorama interview and this is undoubtedly going to be the same."

In her interview, the Princess said she had "adured" Mr Hewitt, "hut I was very let down"



Up on the roof: Dr Robert Anderson, director of the British Museum, in front of the domed Reading Room -

Museum wins £30m lottery grant for new roof

REBECCA FOWLER

The British Museum will receive £30m lottery money towards a new glass roof for the Great Court, designed by Sir Norman Foster, which will be opened for the first time in 150 years for the

The two and a half-acre site

at the centre of the museum. which receives 6 million visitors a year, will be transformed into a piazza, with galleries, restaurants and rest areas. It includes the Round Reading Room, which will be opened to the public for the first time.

Dr Robert Anderson, direcfor of the museum, said: "The

trustees and staff are delighted we can make a very significant contribution to the celebration

of the new millennium." He added: "The Great Court will enhance the British Museum's position as one of the leading international museums and it will help us deal with major problems of overcrowding.

The idea of a glass roof for the courtyard, which formed part of the original building of the 1820s, was first mooted in 1852, using the same technol-

ogy as the Crystal Palace. When the British Library, based in the Round Reading Room where Karl Marx once studied, announced three years ago it was going to move to St Paneras, the scheme was revived, with the intention of transforming the inner court into the focus of the building,

as it was originally intended. The tofal cost of the renova tions, which will begin in 1998; area exclusively covered by EU will be £72m. The museum lists is rules. No date has yet been set tions, which will begin in 1998;

Meat firm seeks to overturn BSE ban

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Correspondent

A meat processing company is challenging the Government's ban on the use of cows spines in mechanically recovered meat, claiming it is unlawful.

If Great Harwood Food Products, of Great Harwood in Lancashire, wins the case, food. companies could once more include ground-up cattle bones in meat products.

This may renew fears that

mad cow disease, or BSE, could be transmitted to humans.

The ban on the use of cows brains, skulls and spines in mechanically recovered meat was introduced last November, in the wake of scares that BSEinfected tissue could pass into food. At the time, the agriculture minister Donglas Hogg said the measure was designed to protect public health from any remote theoretical risk from BSE". Great Harwood Food Prod-

ucts, which produces mechanically removed meat for burgers, pies, sausages, soups and other products, says the new controls pose a serious threat to its business. It describes the ban: as "disproportionate, irrational and unreasonable? and therefore unlawful ander both do-

mestic and European law. The company is secking a judicial review, arguing that ministers were trespassing on an raised £21m independently. for the hearing.

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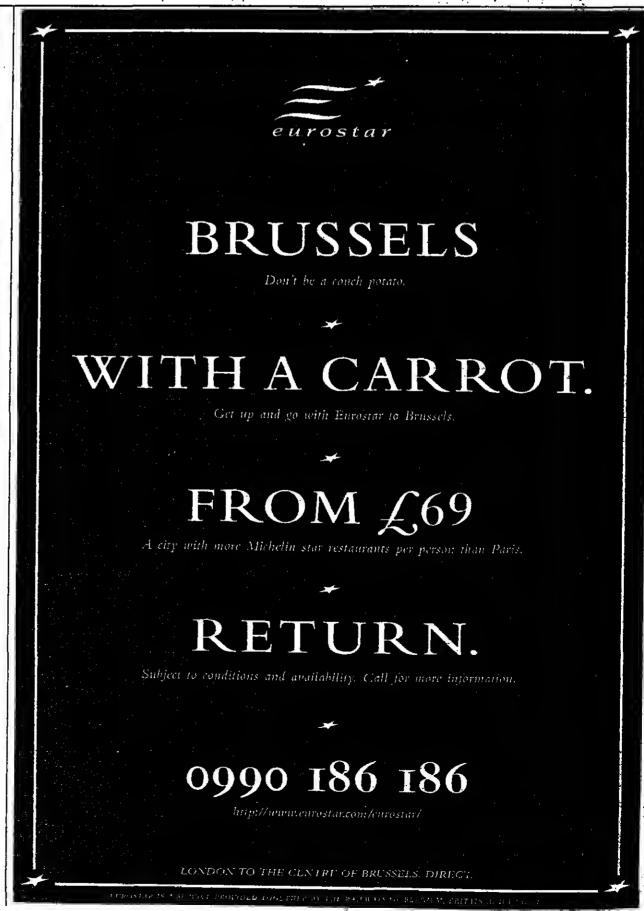
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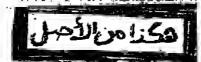
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MP Motorways will grind to a halt in 20 years

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

Large sections of the motorway and trunk road network will be severely congested at both peak and off-peak times in 20 years time, according to maps produced by the Department of Transport and released yesterday by the RAC.

The maps show that at pre-

"ne maps show that at present there are only a few "hotspots", such as the M25 and parts of the road network around Manchester, Birmingham and Leeds.

Using Department of Transport projections which suggest traffic growth of between 83 and 142 per cent from the late 1980s, the maps suggest that by the year 2015 - even on low traffic growth estimates - large parts of the motorway network in the South-east will experience long periods of congestion.

All strategic routes, the whole of the South-west and large areas of the Midlands and the North will have severe congestion problems.

The maps are hased on the assumption that there will be no road improvements beyond those now under construction, such as the Newbury bypass and the M11 link roads.

The roads programme has been hit hadly by the past two budgets, with a total cut of over a quarter from the 1994/95 peak. No oew big starts are scheduled for the forthcoming year because of overspending on past schemes and a reduction in the money available.

The RAC says that the maps show that the present lack of a coherent government policy on transport has disastrous long-term consequences. Edmund King, campaigns manager of the RAC, said: "We have heen stuck without a long-term transport policy for years. The Government has not come up with any idea on what to do about congestion, but it has been happy to slash the roads programme. This just doesn't add up." Mr King says the details contained in the maps

least 10 years of chaos and increasingly severe congestion".

The maps will be seized upon by both sides of the transport debate as evidence of failed policy. The environmentalists argue that even with massive spending on roads there would be little improvement as the congestion crisis is growing faster than any feasible road programme. Britain could

"condemn the motorist to at

Roger Higman, a transport campaigner with Friends of the Earth, said: "This just shows that we need policies to stem the growth in traffic, not to try to accommodate it by concreting over large sections of Britain." The pro-roads lobby suggests, however, that the roads

The pro-roads lobby suggests, however, that the roads programme must be reinstated to its former levels. Mark Glover, spokesman for the British Roads Federation, said: "Unless we are prepared to increase road capacity, users will have to pay a massive cost in terms of congestion."



Made in Japan: The 1996 2-litre Mitsuoka Galue

Rolls unfazed by imitation model

ROS WYNNE-JONES

The hattle of the Rollers has begun. Representing Britain is the hand-built 1973 Silver Shadow with a walnut veneer dashboard and a 6.7-litre engine. Flying the flag for Japan is the 1996 Mitsuoka Galue, a 2-litre dead ringer for the English classic, minus the Spirit of Ecstasy statuette. The brand new Japanese version, which translates literally as "doing it my way", costs slightly less than the second-hand original.

Rolls-Royce, due to launch three new models at next week's Geneva Motor Show, is unruffled by the competition. The car, the ultimate choice for Lady Penelope in the Seventies television show Thunderbirds, is just as popular in the Nineties with young celebrity owners ranging from Noel Gallagher of

it of Ecstasy as far as we are aware, so although we are looking into the matter we are not too worried."

The company's cool confidence is borne out by the loyalty of its customers. The covelist Dame Barbara Cartland, who owned the very first white Silver Shadow, huilt especially for her in the 1960s, was horrified to hear the Japanese had dared launch a rival. "This is very worrying," she said yesterday, "I am very concerned about British cars — you just don't see them on the roads nowadays. I would never buy a Japanese car and certainly not a cheap imitation of a Rolls-

Royce. It's disgraceful."
Jim Bowen, the comedian, found there was nothing funny about a foreign imitation of his beloved Silver Shadow. "You've only got to sit in a Rolls-Royce to know it can't be copied cheaply. It must be made of tin,

with an MFI interior.

"It's a ludicrous idea. You can buy an original from 1975 for less than the price of the imitatioo, so what's the point?".

Bridgewater case man's suicide bid

One of the men convicted of the musder of the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater has tried to commit suicide after hearing that hopes of a new appeal had been dashed, it was disclosed testing that he was disclosed to the control of the

Vincent Hickey, 41, was treated in the hospital wing of Long Lartin prison, near Evesham. Worcestershire, after stashing his wrists on Thursday. He had been found covered

in blood in his cell.

A Prison Service spokesman said the attempt appeared to be "a determined effort". Although the injuries were serious, they were not life-threatening.

He said in the Home
Hickey, his 33 year-old cousin team had given the Home
Michael, and James Robinson; Office 2S days to respond to new
61 are serving life sentences for evidence or solicitors would
the murder of 13 year-old Carl seek a judicial review.

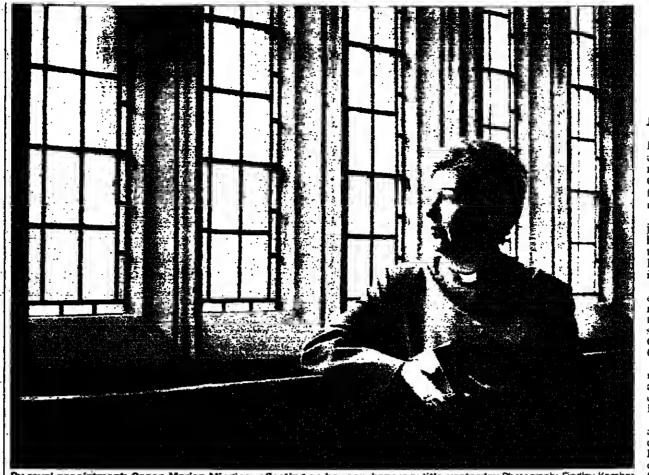
in 1978 in Stourbridge, West Midlands

The three have protested their innocence since their conviction and supporters and relatives claim there is now fresh evidence which could cust doubt on the conviction.

But Home Office ministers made it clear on Wednesday that, although they would look at any new evidence, the feeling was that the case would not be referred back to appeal. Hickey's solicitor, James

Hickey's solicitor. James Nichol, said he could oot comment on the suicide attempt until he had further details.

He said the prisoners' legal team had given the Home Office 28 days to respond to new



By royal appointment: Canon Marion Mingins reflecting on her new honorary title yesterday Photograph: Findlay Kember

Female chaplain gets royal seal

JOJO MOYE

In a move that is being seen as a sign of approval of the ordination of women priests, the Queen has appointed the first female. Church of England royal chaplain.

Canon Marion Mingins will join 34 men already holding the honorary title, which involves taking private services for the Royal Family at the royal chapel in St James's Palace.

"Thave not been privy to the extent the Queen made the running on my appointment, but the fact remains she is the supreme governor of the Church of England," said Canon Mingins yesterday,

"In appointing a woman as

royal chaplain it appears to be a vote of confidence in the ordination of women which is why I am particularly pleased." Canon Mingins, 43, was among the first women to be

Canon Mingins, 43, was among the first women to be ordained as a Church of England deacon when she was given the title at Southwark Cathedral in 1987.

She was ordained a full priest in April 1994, soon after the church changed its rules to allow women priests, and for the last five years has been a residentiary canon at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, where the bishop, the Right Rev John Dennis, said the appointment was "a very great tribute to her and the quality of her ministry".

The former social worker from Tyneside said she was delighted with her appointment to the principally ceremonial post, which dates back to the Middle Ages.

"Many areas of ministerial re-

"Many areas of ministerial responsibility in the church which had been previously closed to women are now opening up to them and this is just the latest example," she said, adding: "The appointment is a considerable personal honour."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said the Queen had a woman royal chaplain in the Church of Scotland, but that Canon Mingins was the first in the Church of England.

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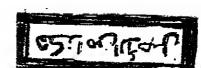
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'Unduly lenient' death-crash jail terms increased

The Lord Chief Justice yesterday signalled a tough new attitude to death-crash drivers with dramatic increases in the sentences of two men.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Curtis and Mr Justice Gage, ruled that the fourand-a-half-year term imposed on a man who ran over and killed a 70-year-old while trying to steal his car was "unduly lenient". They ordered that Paul Dawes, 21, of Harrlepool, in Cleveland, should serve six years - the "least" sentence that could be imposed.

The judges then increased the sentence of Anthony Jackson. 24, of Holmewood in Bradford, West Yorkshire, from three years to five years after they heard he had killed a teacher while driving at speed the wrong way down a one-way street.

Both cases had been referred to the court for review by the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, after the original sentences caused a wave of anger among relatives and the local

Keighley, said after the second

imposed by Bradford Crown Court failed to take into account the fact that Parliament has decided on a 10-year maximum sentence for cases of this kind.

Jackson pleaded guilty in September 1995 to causing death by dangerous driving after he ran down John Lund, 42, who was out walking his dog near his home in Bradford.

Lord Taylor said Jackson, who had no driving licence or insurance, had turned off a main road at high speed into a narrow lane through "No Entry" signs where he struck Mr Lund and carried on without stopping. He then tried to make his car appear as it it had been stolen by smashing the steering lock and ignition, but confessed to police after his friends said they would report him.

Lord Taylor said: "The Attorney General is concerned about the level of sentence in this case. There is public coneern generally about death by

Dawes pleaded guilty to manslaughter and aggravated Gary Waller. Tory MP for vehicle taking at Teesside Crown Court, Lord Taylor said the

hearing that the sentence facts of the case were "disturbing". An elderly couple had returned from a dance club to their home in Hartlepool, and the husband. Robert Inchliffe, had left his car running in the driveway to help his wife into their home. Dawes jumped in the car and during his attempts to reverse out of the drive ran over Mr Inchliffe and killed him. He drove off at speed, leaving Mr Inchliffe in the road, and later abandoned the vehicle.

convictions for shoplifting, taking vehicles, obstructing police and threatening behaviour, was driving while disqualified.

A police chief later criticised the "lepient sentence" given by the Court of Appeal to Dawes. Detective Chief Inspector Ray Mallon, who led the inquiry into the death, said: 'In my view, the Court of Appeal paid no more than lip service to public opinion in relation to this crime.

This is a disgraceful sentence for a crime as serious as this. It is another example of where the courts have let the public down. It seems the courts, on an extremely regular basis, fail to

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Dummy run: A waxwork of the tenor Luciano Pavarotti being delivered to the Royal College of Music, south-west Lendon, for last a Classic CD awards. The awards are based on voting by the readers of Classic CD magazine

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Safety row as police issued with CS spray

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The police are to use CS spray canisters containing a solvent that can cause serious injury. alternative to be developed. The disclosure came as some 2,300 officers in 16 forces throughout England and Wales were issued yesterday with the hand-held sprays.

· A leaked document said that chief constables were not prepared to wait until a "safe" solvent - used as propellant in the canisters - had been found. The present solvent has been shown to cause "skin reddening,

scaling and blistering An instructor with the Met-ropolitan Police, who collapsed after being sprayed during pre-trials last June, suffered 50 per cent burns to an eye and burns to the forehead.

The confidential Association of Chief Police Officers' document acknowledged that there were "possible health risks" involved in using the devices. but warned that an alternative could take many months or up to two years to develop.

Police chiefs argued yesterday that they had to "balance" the potential dangers of the spray with the protection it gave their officers from violent offenders.

Liberty, the civil rights group, called for more testing and an immediate halt to the six-month trials. "It is clear from the ACPO's research that the spray causes severe eye and facial injuries," said their director, John Wadham.

Lawyers believe any injuries caused during arrests could lead to a flood of compensation claims. The Metropolitan Police instructor, who needed hospital treatment, is already attempting to sue for damages, along with a constable and retired sergeant from Surrey, for injuries they say were the

result of being sprayed with CS. Surrey and Hertfordshire police have already withdrawn from the trials because of safety fears.

The ACPO document, cirrather than wait for a safer-reulated to forces on 4 January, but leaked to the Yorkshire Post newspaper_says there are two options: "Firstly to await the development of a new product with a safe solvent ... secondly, to go ahead with the trials using the CS with [the solvent] MIBK as presently held by possible health risks that have

been identified." It explained that the wait for a new "safe" product may take up to two years. "Chief constables may not feel that they are prepared to wait this long for a less than lethal option to protect officers," the document added, acknowledging that less research had been carried out on the sprays than was previ-

ously understood by ACPO. Tony Burden, chief constable of Gwent and chairman of the of Gwent and chairman of the association's working group on CS sprays, said yesterday: There may be some side effects such as flaking of the skin, but this has to be balanced against the threat faced by police officers from violent persons especially those armed with

eapons such as knives.
"Police officers should not be expected to be targets of such levels of violence and deserve to be properly protected." Research has showed that up

to 12 per cent of people could be unaffected by the spray. They include those who have been drinking, taking drugs or are being aggressive.
Officers have been issued

with guidance on procedures to adopt once the spray has been used. Those arrested will be seen by a medical examiner and will be provided with an information sheet detailing possible side-effects on release

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Mail staff to deliver new wood for Dales

NIGEL BURNHAM

The Yorkshire Dales national park yesterday announced that a new wood, named after its sponsors, the Royal Mail, is to be planted beside the Pennine Way and the River Aire at Airton in Malhamdale, near

Royal Mail Wood will comprise 750 broad-leaved trees, inchiding ash, oak and rowan, paid for out of £10,000 raised by staff of Royal Mail North

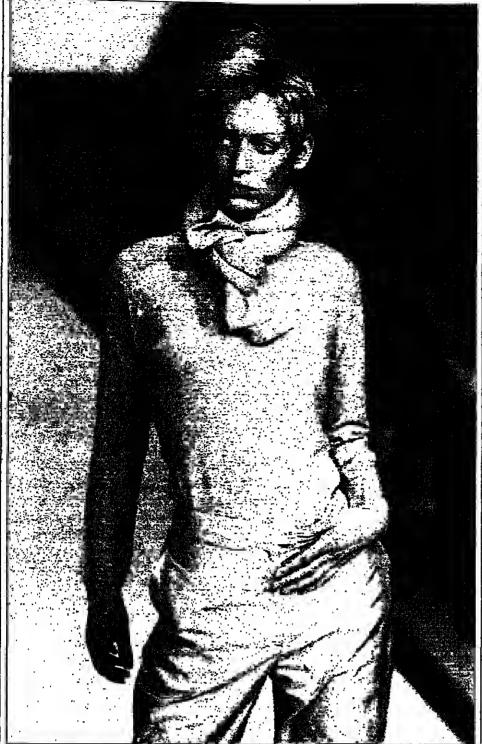
The project, launched with the planting of the first tree next Wednesday, will be the first wood to be planted under sponsorship in the national park.

Royal Mail managers and staff will be involved in the work, belping to prepare footpaths, erecting foot bridges and organising work parties to cocardinate the planting of the one-

A spokesman dismissed criticism of the wood's name and objections from local conservationists, who told the national park: "Corporate sponsorship and national parks do not mix.

"There's nothing wrong with the name," said the spokesman. "We're not talking about Sher wood Forest bere - it's just a little wood that reflects our desire to have a positive impact on the welfare of the community, in particular through environmental work."

Richard Witt, development officer for the Yorkshire Dales national park, said: "A lot of people might not like the name but we feel it's a small price to pay to give the landscape additional character and beauty, as well as being a vital refuge for wild animals and plants."



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Well wrapped up: A model on the catwalk at the Betty Jackson show, part of London Fashion Week, yesterday

Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

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NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

The National Audit Office is to launch a full investigation into a four-year delay and huge cost over-runs at a proposed new wing to Guy's Hospital in south London. The former Philip Harris House, once proclaimed as a flagship, state-of-the-art creation, is fast becoming the biggest building disaster in the health service's history.

The NAO - the Govern-

ment spending watchdog - con-firmed it is to follow up a preliminary investigation with a full inquiry into the reasons for delay and cost over-runs in a project now expected to be four years late and to have cost £152m, almost double the original £79m estimate.

Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat MP for Bermondsey. claimed figures be has been provided with show that the NHS Trust bas "wasted" millions following the latest round of negotiations with the contractors Higgs and Hills.

He said the trust has writtenoff £5m in penalties for missed completion deadlines, and agreed another £2m to complete a building now known as Phase Three after Sir Philip Harris withdrew a promised £6m donation when its use was changed as part of the controversial merger of Guy's and St

Thomas's bospitals.

Mr Hughes said: "The building will be four years late and yet instead of the trust being compensated by the builders they are actually paying out. It is a scandal that it has taken so long for it to be completed when we are crying out for the services

Inquiry over delay to hospital double-inflation council tax rise

WILL BENNETT

People living in the most modest homes in Liverpool will pay more council tax than the wealthiest inhabitants of Westminster when council tax bills in England rise by more than double the rate of inflation in

According to two surveys published yesterday, the average rise will be about 6 per cent less than the 8 per cent increase predicted by the Government across the United Kingdom. But the final figure will rise when tax details from some London councils are published.

Liverpool is likely to set the highest rate, with a recommendation for a Band D tax of £100(t.82, an increase of 3.9 per cent. Even the most modest homes in Band A there will face a rate of £667,21, which is more than the inhabitant of a large house in Westminster, who is

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Band H, the highest.

Labour-controlled Southwark, in south London, yesterday revealed that its council tax will go up from £589 to £730 on Band D properties in the mid-dle of the price range, an increase of nearly 24 per cent. The figure was published too late to be included in either survey.

Martin Pilgrim, finance under secretary at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, warned that rises could have been much higher but councils were cutting expenditure and drawing heavily on reserves to keep tax increases down.

Tory-controlled Westminster City Council is using £8.3m of reserves to keep the council tax bill for Band D properties down to £295, a 7 per cent rise. A 20 per cent increase had been recommended by the council's chief executive

How the increases compare

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One of the surveys was

compiled by the Chartered In-stitute of Public Finance and Accountancy for BBC Radio 4's Today programme, which ob-tained figures for council tax rises from two-thirds of the billing authorities in England. The tax raises the difference between the amount councils budget to spend and the money they receive from central government. The survey reveals that av-

erage bills for properties in Band D will increase by £37 to £646, a 6.1 per cent increase. The increases are highest in the West Midlands (7.4 per cent), Greater London (7.3 per cent) and the rest of South-east England (6.9 per cent) and lowest in northern England (4.9 per cent). The rate of inflation was 9 per cent in January.

The second survey, which was carried out by the Local Government Chronicle, which covered more than one-third of English councils, comes up with a similar figure, an average rise of 6.1 per cent or £35.60. It shows huge differences between individual councils.

The biggest rise found by this survey is in Rochester, Kent, where the Band D increase will be 17.9 per cent, followed by Cherwell, Oxfordsbire, with 16.1 per cent and Wolverhampton with 15.2 per cent. A 10.3 per cent rise in Hartlepool, Cleveland, will push the Band D rate to £839.

Scots face average council tax rises of 15% - but for many the rise could be far higher. Scottish councils, which meet next week to fix budgets warn of hig rises and spending cuts.

Family to sue hospital

A coroner yesterday recorded a misadventure verdict on a teenager who died after routine cosmetic surgery to have her.
Irs pinned back. The family of Janine Connor, 14, are now. planning to sue the hospitalwhere the operation took place:

After the inquest, Janine's mother, Mrs Margaret Usher, said it was "horrendous" that 10 doctors in the operating theatre: ,5lb of pressure had to be applied at Withington Hospital, Man- to the puddles on her chest. Up chester, were unable to work to 10 minutes were lost before der pressure one doesn't look life-saving equipment because

Lyne, agreed to surgery on 4 January last year under general anaesthetic after originally intending to have a local anaes-thetic. An anaesthetist noticed the face was swelling as she pel said the 20-year-old venti-

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The two-day inquest heard open her chest and manually how Janine, of Ashton-under- massage her heart. But Janine

Neil Kinsella, solicitor for the family, said they had heen granted legal aid to pursue a mealigence slaim. never regained consciousness and died six days later at the Royal Mancbester Children's

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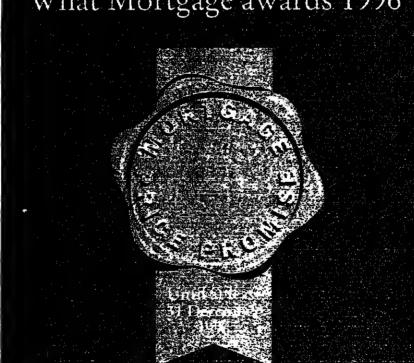
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British businessman expelled by Moscow

The Foreign Office said yeslerday it was seeking an explanation from Moscow over why a British businessman has been tivities incompatible with his status" - a Cold War-era term used to denote spying.
It is the second time Nigel

Although the officials sup-plied him with no explanation Shakespear, a former assistant nulitary attache with the British embassy, has felt the wrath of the Moscow authorities, as he was among eight British diplomats and three journalists who were thrown out in May 1989 after the same number of Russian diplomats and media workers were ordered out of Britain. The move is further evidence

of Russia's creatic relations with the West, which have veered from warm enthusiasm to cool uncertainty in the last

Minister, Yevgeny Primakov. has hard-line tendencies. Mr Shakespear, 40, was ordered aboard a flight to London by Russian officials after flying imo Sheremetevo airport from a 10-day business trip to Kaza-khstan. He had been working in Moscow for Gorandel Trading, which offers security and risk management.

or their decision at the time details only emerged vesterday - the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the security services (the heirs to the KGB) in his activities" which were "not compatible" with his status as a businessman. "He was not expelled. His

visa was terminated," said Alexander Golitsin, a senior

tions against Mr Shakespear, yet hinted that the move was related to the Briton's former job as a diplomat. The affair would not affect the "friendly relations" between Russia and the Unit-ed Kingdom, he added.

Mr Shakespear, speaking from north London, rejected any suggestion that he had been a spy; "I categorically deny it. My response is that the charge is totally unjustified." He refused to speculate over why he had been expelled, saying that he had no idea and that it was "totally unfair".

The British embassy in Moscow said that it had not been told why Mr Shakespear was forced to leave the country. and was seeking clarification. But the Foreign Office has made clear that it regards the manner in which he was abrupt-ly sent home as unacceptable.

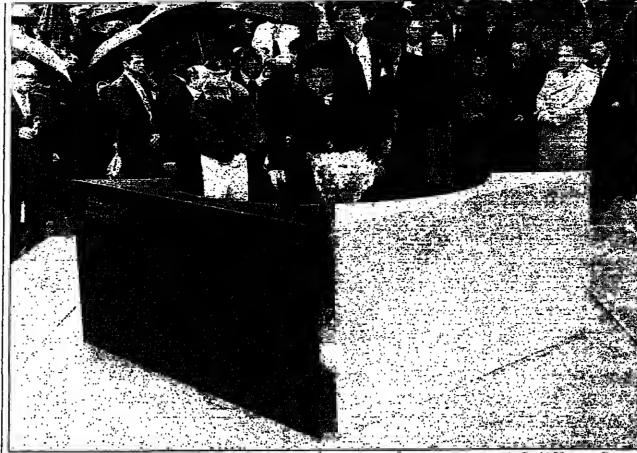
contact diplomats or his family before being ushered on to a plane. "We shall be raising his ireatment - and particularly his treatment at the airport with the Russians," said James

Pavel, an embassy spokesman. Mr Shakespear began travelling to Russia in 1992. Thirteen months ago he moved to Moscow permanently, with his wife, Rosalind and child, Clara.

Until January, he worked

with accountants Price Waterhouse, before leaving to work for Gorandel, believed to be a British-Russian joint venture. Robin Hall, a former colleague at Price Waterhouse, said: "As far as I know, he was completely unaware the Russian authorities had him down as a spy."

A steady trickle of expulsions for alleged spying have contin-ued. Last July Alexander Malikov, a Russian journalist. left Britain accused of spying.



Yitzhak Rabin's widow, Leah, lays flowers on his tomb in Jerusalem yesterday . Photograph: David Silverman/Reutr

to be costing the Palestinian economy \$4m (£2.6m) a day in PATRICK COCKBURN

Israel yesterday rejected an offer by the Hamas Islamic militant organisation to call off its suicide bombing campaign in return for the release of its

ganisation chairman had given

ister in a future Likud government.

of voters said they had switched of the bomb attacks. Mr Peres led Binyamin Netanyahn, the opposition leader, by 46 per cent to 44 per cent. Two-thirds of voters thought the Israeli army should operate against organi-sations like Hamas in territory

controlled by Mr Arafat.

A similar proportion stidle they still supported the peace.

Israel spurns Hamas offer to halt bombing

prisoners and immunity from

Ehud Barak, the Foreign Minister, said that Israel could not undercut Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, which 'must do the job". Hamas and volved, which, if true, means Izzedine al-Qassim, its military wing, had issued a joint statement saying there would be no more attacks for a week while its offer is being considered. The Palestine Liberation Or-

his own deadline for all unregistered weapons in the areas he controls to be handed over by last night. Otherwise his security forces would start searches for arms, threatening people" who hold unregistered weapons with 15 years in prison.

"In general, Israel does not breakaway party, Gesher, back negotiate with the terror cells into the fold in return for seven of Hamas," Mr Barak said. guaranteed seats in the Knes-Earlier in the week Israel was set (parliament). reported to have said to Mr Arafat that if he would not deal with Hamas, it might open talks

with the organisation. The Israeli Prime Minister. Shimon Peres, has also said that by the daily Ma'ariv; 7 per cent if Mr Arafat does not rein in extremists, Israel may delay the from Labour to Likud because troop withdrawal in the West of the bomb attacks. Mr Peres Bank town of Hebron due at the end of this month.

Mr Peres has warned that the Israeli closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring 60,000 Palestinian workers from reaching their jobs inside Israel, will stay in effect until the security situation improves.

The border closures, thought

caused a backlash against Hamas among Palestinians who have blamed the group for their financial hardships. Israeli security services say nese try gover ill c cide bomb attacks last Sanday, which killed 23 Israelis, were given by the Hamas leadership in Damascus. Izzedine al-Qassim in Gaza says it was not in-

that Hamas is split. This is precisely what Mr Arafat has been trying to achieve in the past, but the fragmentation of the organisation makes it more difficult to control. Labour party strategists have little doubt that more suicide bombs will mean that it will certainly lose the election to be David Levy, the former foreign

lost wages and exports, have

Mr Levy has reportedly been offered the post of foreign min-

In the latest poll carried out,

process with the Palestinians.

Gorbachev joins race for presidency TONY BARBER

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president and Nobel Peace Prize winner, said yesterday he would stand as a candidate in Russia's presidential election in June.

Mr Gorbachev, who is 65 today, made the announcement at a news conference in Moscow at which he portrayed himself as a centrist alternative to President Boris Yeltsin and to the leading challenger, Gennady Zyuganov of the Communist

Recent opinion polls sug-gest Mr Gorbachev has almost no hope of winning the presidency was a Typeganov consistently scores 20 per cent or more in the polls, and Mr Yelisin scores about 10 per cent, Mr Gorbachev's popularity rating is barely 1 new poet. ity rating is barely 1 per cent.
"His time is past," said Sergei
Shakhrai, a former minister

in Mr Yeltsin's government.
"Intellectuals and the West recognise his merits, but that's not enough to win the election."

Mr Gnrbachev said he hoped to unite "all democratic forces" behind his candidacy, hut it is difficult to see where his support.

might come from.

Most ordinary voters, in so far as they think of him at all, appear to hold him responsible for the political chaos and economic slump that turned their lives upside down in the late Soviet period.

 Nor does he command much. sympathy in Russian political



Gorbachev: Slim chance

circles. Reformists blame him for refusing, when he was president, to make a decisive break with Communism and the principle of a united Soviet state, while Communists and nation-

alists despise him as a traitor. By throwing his hat into the ring. Mr Gorbachev seems to be calculating that he may at least succeed in disrupting the elec-tion campaign of Mr Yelisin, his bitter rival. The two men have been at odds since 1987, when Mr Gorbachev forced Mr Yeltsin's dismissal from the inner Soviet leadership.

Mr Yeltsin secured his revenge by becoming the champion of the democratic apposition, winning the Russian presidency in June 1991 and organising the dissolution of the Soviet Union after the failed August hardline coup. Mr Gorbachev, who is not a member of a political party, needs 1 million signatures of support by 16 didate in the 16 June election.



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Bangkok summit: EU states duck rights issues to avoid a damaging rift with world's strongest economies

Major calls for UN to put its house in order

DONALD MACINTYRE Bangkok

John Major made a plea for rapid reform in the United Nations yesterday at the EU-Asia economic summit, as most European leaders agreed to avoid confrontation with China and South-East-Asian economic powers over human

Mr Major pressed the case for streamlining the UN and putting it on a firm financial tooting following estimates that it could "run out of money in November". The Prime Miniser said it would be "ludicrous" pr. the UN to go bust and warned it "must not be allowed

th grind to a halt".

He urged Asian countries to back EU proposals for tough penalties on non-payers, to accelerate the payment of ar-rears and reform contributions in take account of the relative

wealth of members.

Mr Major, who won strong support from Thailand for his call for UN reforms, will today call for the liberalisation of

The threat of a walk-out by Indonesia, led by President Suharto, if Portugal used the iffs on other products would be

human rights abuses in East Timor was averted when the Portuguese Prime Minister, Antomo Guterres, talked informally to the Mr Suharto in the fringes of the summit. The Portuguese leader suggested a re-sumption of diplomatic contacts between the two countries. which elicited a non-committal

response from Mr Suharto.
The Europeans' desire to avoid conflict over human rights reflects the importance attached by the EU to expanding trade relations with the fastest grow-ing economies in the world. Mr Major has repeatedly pointed out that the countries at the summit account for more than half the world's Gross Domestic Product.

Jacques Santer, the EU Commission President, made a plea for Asian countries to ac-cept that the Single European Market "has greatly improved the opportunities for third countries to do business in the

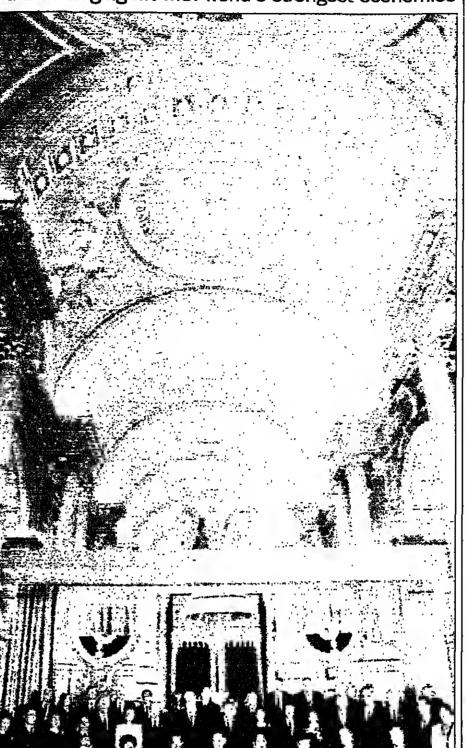
In a thinly disguised appeal to Asian countries to lower barriers against EU exports, he pointed out that 40 per cent of imports of manufactured goods would be duty-free, while tarummit to resume attacks on cut by a third in the next decade.

Leon Brittan, the EU Trade Commissioner, has been active pressing Asian countries to open up their vast telecommunications markets, to secure a worldwide liberalisation agree-ment by the April deadline set by the World Trade Organisation. An aide to Sir Leon admitted they failed to draw a clear response and added: "We are into the last five weeks so

it is a very urgent process." In meetings with the Chinese government, Sir Leon pressed for the level of liberalisation that would enable China to qualify for WTO membership. Sir Leon told the Prime Minister, Li Peng, that China needed to end the monopoly of state organisations running import and export businesses, reduce tariffs and liberalise the car industry. He said if Peking took such steps the EU would back its mem-

bership of WTO.
Sir Leon urged Peking to stop restricting the free flow of economic information through overseas news agencies, saying it violated the WTO principles. He also pressed Li Peng to

accept Hong Kong's continued importance as an entrepreneurial centre, and was assured its "capitalism" would survive



Glittering assembly: Heads of government gathered for an official photograph in a throne-room of the King of Thailand's palace Photograph: Kamimasa Mayarna/Reuter | four times since the Second

Howard set for close win in Australia

ROBERT MILLIKEN

Buoved by opinion polls which suggest he will be Prime Min-

ister after today's general election, John Howard, leader of the Liberal Party, embarked on a harrage of radio and relevision interviews yesterday to convince swinging voters in critical seats to end the 13-year era of Labor government.

As his strategists delivered the results of private party polls, which predicted that the conservative Liberals and their junior coalinon partners, the National Party would pick up more than the seven seats they need to topple Labor, Mr Howard displayed the solemn air of a leader who sensed that the clusive prize which he has pursued for 22 years in politics was finally within his grasp. For his part, Paul Keating.

fighting to win an unprecedented sixth term for Labor, ended his campaign the way he hegan it, as the underdog. Not for him the radio and television studios of Sydney, from where Mr Howard disseminated his message that Labor had left Australia with record foreign debt and youth unemployment.

The Prime Minister was in Tasmania yesterday after spending the last three days flying thousands of miles from Cairns, in north Queensland, to Adelaide, Canherra and Melbourne, shoring up votes in Labor's most vulnerable seats and calling for a fresh mandate to continue economic and social reforms. He asked Australians to compare his vision of a new, Australian republic, economically engaged in the Asia-Pacific region, with the "philosophically stranded" coalition. "Did we huild a new standard, have we created a change?" he asked. "Or do we just nod gently off back to sleep again like we did in the Rip Van Winkle years?"

Mr Keating refused to concede the game was up. And, as commentators discovered three years ago, after writing him off under similar circumstances at the last election, he could be right. Australians have rejected incumbent governments only

World War, in 1949, 1972, 1975 and 1983.

Voters may be fed up with the Labor government, convinced it has run out of ideas and turned off by what they perceive as Mr Keating's arrogance. But the government is not swamped by scandal or smelling of decay. Mr Howard is making his sec-

ond bid to become prime min-ister, after failing to dislodge Labor under Boh Hawke in 1987. If Mr Howard has a vision for Australia in the next millennium, he has failed to convey it during the campaign. That explains the grudging endorsement of the coalition in the latest opinion polls yesterday. Having started the campaign

five weeks ago trailing the coalition by 11 points, Labor closed the gap in the three main polls to finish two, three and six points behind respectively. A nationwide poll published in a Brisbane newspaper yesterday gave Labor a one-point lead, the first poll to put Labor ahead. Mr Keating maintained a lead over Mr Howard as preferred prime minister in most polls.

On election eve, it was difficult to measure the impact of the "forged-letters affair", a sensational development on Wednesday in which a senior Labor minister released letters apparently damaging to the coalition, but which later turned out to be fakes. The Labor Party yesterday issued a statement to federal police investigating the affair claiming the letters originated in Liberal Party ranks. Liberals accused Labor

staff of forging them. Three of Australia's leading newspapers, the Sydney Morning Herald, the Age, of Melbourne, and the Australian Financial Review, called for a coalition victory yesterday.But two influential newspapers owned by Rupert Murdoch went against the grain. The Australian, his national flagship, declined to endorse either side, while the Daily Telegraph, a mass-circulation Sydney

tabloid, backed Mr Keating. While most papers splashed headlines that predicted Mr Keating's defeat, the Murdoch papers provided upbeat coverage of the final hours of Mr Keating's campaign.

Chinese try to calm fears over ill dissident

Wei Jingsheng. China's most the latter part of his earlier 14plominent pro-democracy-disdent, is in good health apart from hypertension and "a fatty liver", the Chinese government sinounced yesterday. The unusual medical bulletin on the nation for this year's Nobel country's best-known political Peace Prize. Yesterday, 110 prisoner followed reports from British MPs from all parties relatives that Mr Wei who is 46. signed a Commons motion callwis suffering from heart disease, ing for his immediate release and comes just weeks before from prison and backing the China is likely to face attempted Nobel nomination. He was also censure at the UN Human nominated in 1995. Rights Commission in Geneva.

for attempting to overthrow the government, and since January he has been kept in solitaryconfinement at the Nanpu ing countries. Mr Wei's sen-

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saltworks about three hours' drive from Peking, occupying the same cell in which he spent year jail term. Since March 1979, Mr Wei has spent only six months out of prison.

Support is growing around the world for Mr Wei's nomi-

The Xinhua news agency announcement appeared timed for court trial of Mr Wei had to be the run-up to the Geneva vote. halled for nearly half an hour Since 1990, China has faced an when he suffered an attack of -annual motion, sponsored by high blood pressure. The judges the United States, condemning later sentenced him to 14 years. its human-rights record, although these have so far been defeated because China has lobbied support from develop-

tence, the dispute over the choice of a new Panchen Lama in Tibet, and revelations this year on China's orphanages have put the human-rights spotlight firmly on Peking.

Xinhua said that Mr Wei had been given a thorough physical examination, including an electrocardiogram and 24hour monitoring which had ruled out heart disease. "The prison hospital has treated Wei Jingsheng's diseases and he is now in a healthy condition," Xinhua said.

Meanwhile, new legislation was yesterday passed into law. specifying that martial law may be declared in the case of seri ous threats to national unity.

Analysts said the Chinese povernment wanted the law on the statute books before the death of 91-year-old Deng Xiapping in case of public unrest

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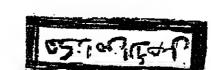
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Gun battle ends hunt for Italian serial killer

ANDREW GUMBEL

The hunt for a serial killer

stalking the sleepy non h Italian town of Merano ended in violence yesterday as the culprit holed up in a lonely farmhouse with two hostages, and then, after a dramatic gun battle with police, turned the murder weapon on himself.

The man responsible for shooting six people at close range over the post three weeks turned out to be a Germanspeaking neo-Nazi committed victinis were Italian-speakers,

The alarm was raised in midmorning when farmers in the hamlet of Riffano, about six miles from the centre of town, heard gunshots coming from the house of a local bricklayer. Tullio Melchion. The murderer. Ferdinand Gamper, had killed Melchiori, his landlord. and had forced his wife and daughter at gunpoint to follow him into a barn next door.

When police arrived. Gamper barely gave them time to discover the body before he opened fire, shooting a Carabinieri officer in the head. The officer was whisked to hospital but died three hours later.

Other police took cover in the surrounding woodland. Eventually they fired several volleys of tear gas into the barn, setting nic tension, owing to Mussolini's the building on fire. The shooting stopped and the police stormed in, to find the two hostages unharmed on the ground floor and the murderer dead with his weapon in his hand. A note in German rend: "You got here too late." He had

shot himself through the mouth. With his hulking frame, blond hair and short beard. Ferdinand Gamper, 39, was a perfect fit for the Identikit picture of the murderer developed since the shooting of a factory square on Tuesday.

Next to his body was the blue rucksack that was spotted by several witnesses. The gun was a match for the 22 weapon used in the earlier killings.

Among the documents recovered by police were posters and stickers in German, advocating the Alto Adige's reab-sorption into Austria. A long note left beside Melchion's hody included a "terrifying" pacan to Nazism and an admission, which has yet to be verified, that Gamper murdered one or more children.

Merano had been living in ur reunifying the Alto Adige senior Bundesbank official and with Austria. All but one of the his Italian fiance were shot. At first investigators suspected a link with the banker's work or his estranged German wife. They now believe the two were "punished" for wanting to settle in Merano as an ethnically mixed couple. A shrine marking the site of their murder was smeared with human facces a tew days atter their deaths.

The third murder, targeting a crippled local farmer, triggered the arrest of a young Italian-speaking plasterer, Luca Nobile, who was found near the scene with bloodstains on his clothing. He was released from custody last night.

The Alto Adige, or South Tyrol, was part of Austria-Hungary until the end of the First World War, when it was given aggressive attempts to Italianise it: during the 1950s there were regular terrorist attacks.

In recent decades, the nationalist sentiments of the German-speakers and the strong neo-Fascist sympathies of many local Italians have been checked by the economic benelits brought by the Alto Adige's special status as an autonomous region. However, the two communities still have little contact, and in many bars. shops and hotels, members of one or other ethnic group are banned altogether.



Cream of the crop: A Dutch crew filming 'The Milkmaid' at the opening of an exhibition of paintings by Johannes Vermeer at the Mauritshuls in The Hague. The collection of works by the artist is the largest assembled under one roof.

Photograph: Laurie Lewis

Serb charged over role in Sarajevo siege

The international war-crimes iribunal in The Hague yesterday charged a Bosnian Serb general with crimes against humanity for abetting the siege of Sarajevo, which killed more than 10,000 people and wounded 50,000.

Hours after the Bosnian overnment declared that the blockade was over- in practice it ended in December after the arrival of Nato troops - the UN tribunal indicted Lieutenant-General Djordje Djukic, a Yugoslav Army officer who ran the Bosnian Serbs' logistics

The general was indicted for aiding and abetting the siege in which "Bosnian Serb military forces, on a widespread and systematic basis, deliberately or indiscriminately fired on civilian targets that were of no military significance in order to kill. injure, terrorise and demoralise the civilian population".



Djukic: Organised weapons

The general's lawyer, Milan Vujin. was contemptuous: "This contains one lact: that General Djukie is in the Bosnian Serb army," he said. "If that is all they have, we can get the trial over today. Yes, he's in the Bosnian Serb army. There's not one other fact here."

General Djukic fell into the hands of his alleged victims on 30 January, when his driver took a wrong turn into Saraje-vo and was stopped by Bosnian

police. They arrested General Djukic and Colonel Aleksa Krsmanovic, a colleague, prompting an angry response from Bosnian Serb leaders in Pale, who severed ties with the Nato peace force (1-For).
Two weeks later, General
Djukie and Colonel Krsmanowic

were dispatched on a Nato plane to The Hague for investigadon, to the rage - and fear - of their military and political masters. Both men refused to co-operate with the tribunal as witnesses; the Chief Prosecutor's response was to indict General Djukic and extend the colonel's detention.

Being unable to continue to regard General Djukic as a witness we have had the opportunity of considering evi-dence we have against him," Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday. "Whilst our investigations ... are not yet complete, we considered that in respect of two counts there is sufficient evidence to justify indicting General Djukic."

indictment was likely to be clear Serbia's help was crucial amended as investigations to the war effort of its Bosnian continued. General Djukic was aiready known to the tribunal. his name figured in evidence attached to the earlier indictments on war crimes of Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, the political and military leaders of the Bosnian Serb forces:

Most Bosnian Serbs were angered by the arrest of General Djukic, arguing that he and Colonel Krsmanovic were "backroom boys" who could not

have blood on their hands. But both had an important role in organising the weapons and ammunition for the siege, which ended formally yesterday when Bosnian police took control of the Serb-held suburb of Ilijas, linking the city to government territory for the first time since May 1992.

bigger prey, perhaps even President Slobodan Milosevic of role of turncoat preferable to that of defendant. Both men could bring down

Judge Goldstone said the denials from Belgrade, it is clients. General Djukic is an officer in both the Yugoslav and Bosnian Serb armies.

General Djukic, due in court on Monday to enter a plea, is unlikely to face trial for months.
The only other suspect in detention, Dusan Tadic, is expect ed to stand trial on 7 May, more than a year after his extradition from Germany to The Hague. Both he and General Djukic are housed in a specially built cell-block in Scheveningen prison.

Colonel Krsmanovie will be another neighbour for at least a month, held as a possible suspect and witness, Judge Goldstone is considering whether to indict him or release him to the Bosnian authorities, who would pursue their own case against him. The colonel refused to attend earlier hearings because he does not recognise the tri-

Spanish set for life after Gonzalez

ELIZABETH NÁSH Madrid

The two main content Spain's general election con-cluded their campaigns yetter day with an appeal to mecommitted voters, possibly 21 per cent of the electorate, whose decision tomorrow could determine whether the opposit. tion conservative Popular Party wins an absolute majority.
The PP under Jose Maria

nat, has campaigned for change and renewal. In his final mes sage yesterday he insisted on the need for a changewer and promised strong, efficient gov-ernment. Lifting the concept of fear from the Socialists vocabulary, he urged voters not to be afraid to opt for "the change that Spain needs"....

The Prime Minister, Felipe Gonzalez, has defended what he calls the historical changes his 13-year government achieved. At the climax of a campaign marked by warnings of the return of the right, he recalled the old Republican slogan of the civil war: "No pasarun!" (They shall not pass). The cry still stirs the heart of many Spanish progressives, though younger vot-ers may find it mystifying. Mr Gonzalez urged left-

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wingers not to waste their votes on the pro-Communist United Left, led by Julio Anguita. which, by dividing the left, amounted to a vote for the PP. In his final radio interview yesterday; Mr Gonzalez regretted corruption had damaged his government, and admitted it had wounded him. But he defended his former interior minister Jose Barrionuevo, accused by the Supreme Court of masterminding a dirry war against E1a separatists in the 1980s.

In the closing days of the campaign each leader mobilised a claime of show-business figires. Julio Iglesias, an erstpledge himself to the conserv-. ative cause "with my sonl and

with my head" and passionately kissed Mr Aznar's hand.

The Socialists won the support of the Andalucian-born
Hollywood star Antonio Banderas, who sent them a video in which he says "I continue to believe in Fehpe Gonzalez as a statesman":

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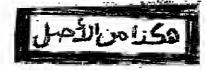
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US to guard Cuban exiles' ocean protest

PHIL DAVISON

US Coast Guard vessels and aireralt will attempt to keep the peace today as Cuban-Americans sail and fiv from Miami in a protest-cum-memorial demonstration to within 20 miles of the Cuban coast. The exiles planto toss wreaths and crosses intothe Straits of Florida in the area where four exiles were shot down in two small planes by Cuban MiG fighters a week

With relations between Bill Clinton and Fidel Castro at their lowest point to date, the President's order for a heavy Coast Guard escort - with Air Force fighters and navai vessels on standby in Florida and the Caribbean - appeared aimed as much at keeping the calles in check as protecting them from any further Cuban attack. The US warned the excles, ex-

beats with two light aircraft overhead, that they would face civil and criminal penalties if

they tried to provoke Mr Castro by pushing ahead into Cube's 12-mile territorial waters. The organisers have promised not to but there were some fears here last night that the most radical anti-Castro activists may break Some moderate exiles ex-

pressed fears that any unforeseen incident could create and suck in the US military forces on stand-by.

The White House press

spokesman. Mike McCurry. said the US had warned Cuban officials not to interfere with the flotilla, "In plain English, the United States of America will not tolerate unacceptable bement," he said, a phrase seen by some as almost dangerously

pected to sail in up to 40 private - vague in the event that anything - the 24th parallel, about 40 miles unforescen occurs.

Mr McCurry said Mr Clinton supported the idea of a memorial service at sea to the four victims from the Miami-based Brothers to the Rescue, The group flies the Straits of Florida looking for Cuban boat people but has also made at least two flights over Havana to drop prodemocracy leaflets.

Cuba's Foreign Minister, Roberto Robaina, said Cuba would take no action provided the flotilla and planes stayed outside the island's territorial waters. That, however, raised the question of definition. Cubasaid its MiGs shot the two planes down over its waters. though US radar tracking showed they were outside the 12-mile limit, 17 and 25 miles respectively. Cuba apparently acted because a third plane

north of Cuba, recognised even by the US as the island's Air Defence Identification Zone.

A dozen Coast Guard curters will accompany the flotilla, backed by two unarmed Coast Guard C-130 planes.

Meanwhile, Canada slammed Mr Clinton for backing anti-Castro legislation that could affect countries, such as Canada, Britain and Spain, which do business with Cuba, The Canadian Trade Minister, Art Eggle-ion, said he would meet US officials in Washington tomorrow to argue that the so-called Helms-Burion bill violates international law and the North American Free Trade Agree-ment. He said Canada may take the US to the international court in The Hague. The bill would mean Cuban exples could sue in US courts for the return had entered the 12-mile limit or because all three were south of Mr Castro's 1959 revolution.

Jet speedometer blamed for crash

Latin America Correspondent

A speedometer which told the pilots they were flying faster month's crash of an aircraft full of German tourists off the Dominican Republic, it emerged yesterday.

Initial reports from the United States National Transporta-tion Safety Board (NTSB), released by Dominican Republic officials, suggested the velocity indicator on the killing all hut four of the 164 on Turkish-owned Birgenair Boe- board. Pilot error or a misuntake-off from the resort of Puerto Plata on 6 February.

In fact, it was flying at a much lower speed, the engines stalled and the aircraft went into a dive, plunging into the Atlantic Ocean and killing all 189 peo- after, studying the flight

An article in yesterday's Washington Post said there were indications the Turkish flight off indicating that the aeroplane crew had known before take-off at there were problems wit its velocity instruments but decided to go ahead with the flight, returning German There was no immediate com-

The 757, leased for the flight ov Birgenair to its local affiliate, Alas Nacionales, had heen idle at Puerto Plata for at least two weeks, raising concerns at the time that its maintenance may not have been up to scratch. It was pressed into service at the

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scheduled to use. Some officials at the time said the 767 had had problems with its hydraulics Others said the airline had opted for the smaller 757 because the flight was considerably underbooked.

There was no immediate response from the Boeing company in Seattle, Washington, which lost its first 757 on 20 December when an American Airlines flight from Miami hit a mountain in Cali, Colombia, ing 757 had been reading 335 derstanding with the Cali conknots (about 370 mph) as the jet trol tower have been reached 7,000 feet shortly after provisionally blamed for that General Hector Roman Tor-

res, the Dominican Republic's head of civil aviation, told the Associated Press that the NTSB had reached its conclusion recorders recovered from the seabed last week by a US Navy guided robot. "An alarm went was losing a lot of velocity, and

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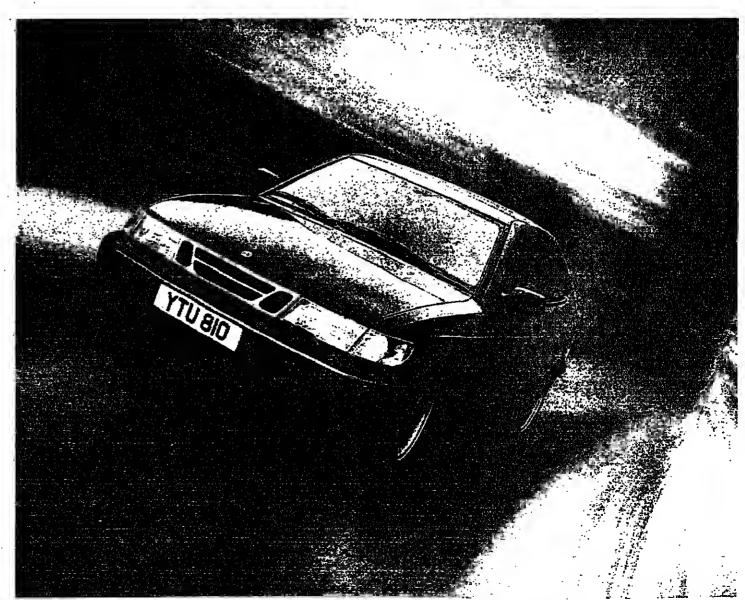
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Court forces Dole to fight for New York

It was meant to be the state that was locked up for Boh Dole; not so any more. Less than a week before the Republicans in New York get their say about who should be their nominee for the 1996 presidential election, the courts have decided that the party's efforts to keep it a one-

man derby are unfair.

The intervention this week by a US appeals court means that New York, which will account for more than 10 per cent of the delegates at the party conven-tion in August, is about to have its first contested Republican primary in its history. Suddenly, next Thursday's vote is vitally

important. The court declared unconstitutional party rules that restrict the ability of candidates to PRESIDENTIAL

1.000 signatures from regis tered Republicans in each district, candidates had little chance of qualifying without the

plessing of the party apparatus. Doing the anointing has been Republican US Senator Alfonse D'Amato and his choice has always been Mr Dole. Until now, in what to most observers seemed like a perversion of democracy, there was little question but that Mr Dole would simply be handed the state.

Now Mr Dole will have to face competition from Pat Buchanan in about 18 of the districts and, more importantly, from Steve Forbes, whose name get on to the ballot in the will appear on ballots in all of state's 31 electoral districts. them, State-wide, the New York Forced to collect more than primary has been transformed

tween Mr Forbes and Mr Dole. Notorious for its unpredictably in elections, the state appears to he filting marginally towards Mr Dole. The latest oll, published by the New York Post, showed Mr Dole leading Mr Forbes by 31 per cent to 27 per cent. Mr Buchanan was

irailing with 16 per cent. Whereas until just days ago. New York could have counted on being largely ignored by the candidates, the state now is preparing for a campaign blitz. For Mr Dole, who is just showing signs of recovering some balance in the race, this is bad news. He will he forced to spend time and money which he has in dwindling sup-ply - on the state when he had

thought it was not going to be It also means that the rich bag of delegates cannot be all his. New York is not a winnertakes-all state, so even if Mr could take a sizeable chunk of the delegates, with Mr Buchanan perhaps also run-ning away with a few. The Forbes campaign, re-en-

ergised by its candidate's first place earlier this week in Arizona, is jubilant. "We are 1.000 per cent committed to New York," said Gretchen Morgensen, Mr Forbes's press sec-retary. "We are going to be a huge force in New York, Wehave been brutalised by the New York State Republican Party."

Mr Buchanan faces a tough hattle. He has qualified in only a limited number of districts and his nationalist positions will not go down easily in a state where there is such a mix of ethnicities. A Buchanan campaign organiser from Staten Island was quoted earlier this week as alleging that Jews control all the money in the US and suggesting that South African blacks fared better under apartheid.



Sounding off: Mr Forbes with the media in South Carolina, a vital state for Republican hopefuls

Buchanan set for fresh defeat

RUPERT CORNWELL Charleston, South Carolina

Senator Bob Dole is favourite. to fend off Pat Buchanan's challenge and win today's piv-otal Republican primary in South Carolina, whose importance in the race for the nommation extends well beyond the 37 delegates the state will send to this summer's conven-

tion in San Diego.
On the eve of voting, polls put
Mr Dole clearly ahead of the former Reagan speech-writer and conservative commenta-tor, suggesting a strong Dole organisation here and the support of the Republican hierarchy may outweigh Mr Buchanan's appeal to the Christian right and and blue-collar workers learned

Predictably it was Mr. Buchanan, with his denuncia-tion of abortion and de ral decay, who drew the loudest cheers of the four major candidates at a Christian-coalition rally on Thursday. But Mr Dole avoided disaster, as he did ear-lier in the day at a televised candidates' debate mainly notable for vicious exchanges between the two lesser contenders here. the publisher Steve Forbes and ernor of Tennessee.

For Mr Dole and Mr Alexander especially, the stakes here an Western state.

paign close to the maximum permitted federal-spending ceiling, the Senate majority leader must secure a victory if he is to break clear in New England. New York, and the rest of the South, which hold their own primaries over the next 10 days.

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Anything less than a second place here and victory in Georgia on Tuesday would surely doom Mr Alexander, who has yet to win a primary and will run out of money if potential fi-nancial backers lose faith. Yet he appears to be running no better than third, and could be out of the contest after "Super Tuesday" on 12 March.

No such worries bother Mr Forbes, who has indicated he will continue right through. Since he is spending his own money, he is not affected by the \$37m (£24.6m) limit that may soon hobble Mr Dole's media efforts in major states like New York, Florida and Texas which lie immediately ahead and especially California on 26 March.

if the race is not settled by then. Also this weekend Wyoming is holding caucuses to select the 12 delegates it will send to San

Diego.
Again Mr Dole is favourite but Mr Forbes could make showing in this traditionally anti-government and libertari-

IN BRIEF

China forces UN to cut Haiti mission

New York - Brandishing its veto power, China forced the United States and its allies to scale back the UN mission in Haiti and shorten its aines to scare out the CN mission in right and shorten its mandate. Peking held the Haiti operation hostage for several days, threatening to veto a draft resolution unless the UN Security Council acceded to its demands. A negative vote by China would kill the resolution. Diplomats said the subtest was Peking's anger at both Haiti and the US for positive overtures to Taiwan, which it considers a rebegade province.

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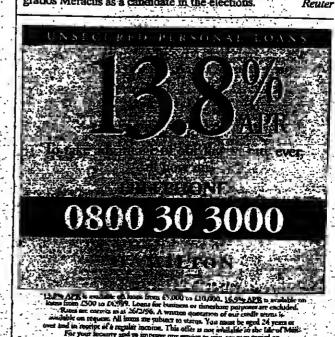
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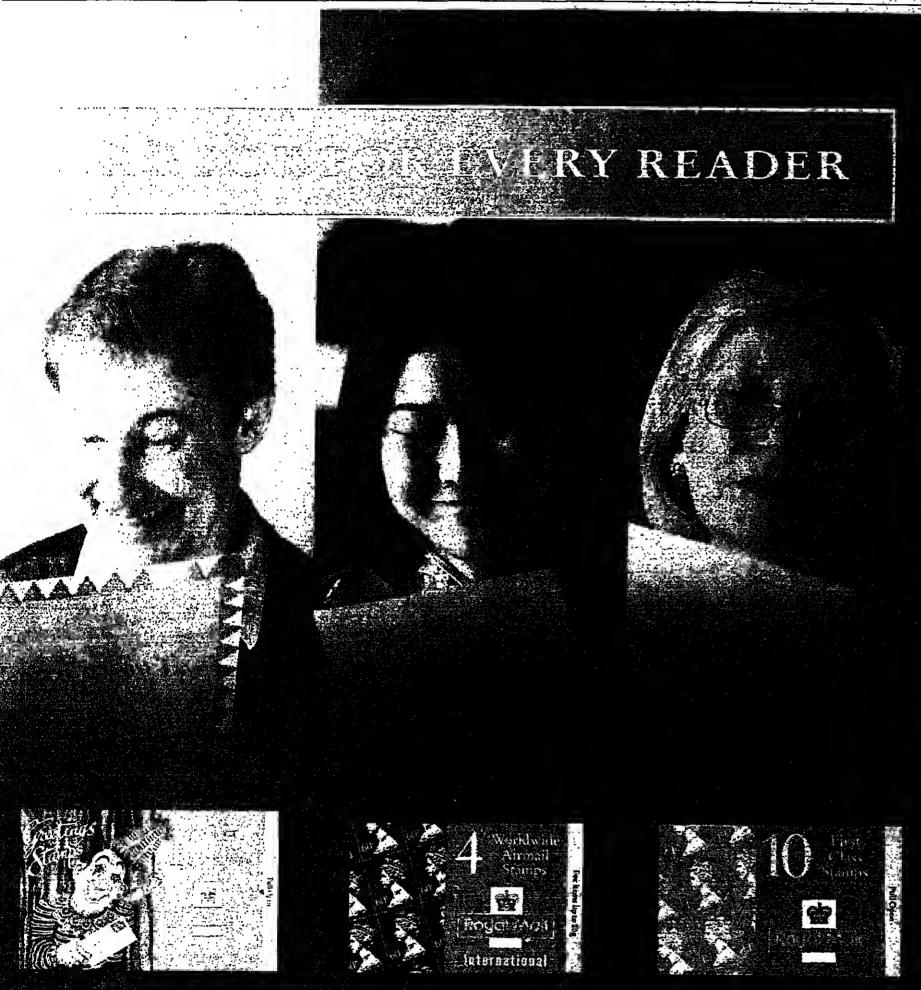
Zagreb - A Croat convicted of a murder that helped touch off the Serb-Croat war in eastern Croatia in 1991 has been extradited to Croatia from Germany. Ante Gudelj, 48, was sentenced in 1994 in absentia to 20 years in prison - the maximum penalty under Croatian law - for killing Josip Reihl-Kir, a police official in eastern Croatia, and two of his associates.

Moi meets opposition leaders Natrobi — For the first time since political pluralism was restored in Kenya five years ago, President Daniel arap Moi met three opposition leaders yesterday. Chairmen Mwai Kibaki of the De-mocratic Party and Michael Kijana Wannalwa of Ford-Kenya and Martin Shikuku, secretary-general of Ford-Asili, said Mr Moi called

Women back gay cleric in Cyprus

Nicosia — Women from Morphou district in north-western Cyprus picketed the island's atchibshopric in Nicosia yesterday, demanding the church lift sanctions on a cleric barred from being a candidate for bishop because of alleged homosexual activities. The Cyprus Orthodox Church has refused to list Archimandrite Pangratios Meraclis as a candidate in the elections.





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The American airman, his Russian wife, her lover the British diplomat, their plan to make millions and the story scandalising

Sitting in Rick's Café, his favourite Brussels haunt, Marshall Michel: adjusts his tie-pin and confesses that be would bave his Russian wife, Elena, back "in a second" despite it all. He isn't surprised that Michael Emerson, the European Union's former amhassador to Moscow, should have fallen for her, or that he bad been tempted by the lure of making "big bucks" in Russia.

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"She's real special," Michel says, in his Louisian drawl. "But I've at the heart of a story that has scan-European Union officials. "I mean," he adds, with an unsettling stare, "if an American diplomat had done this

it would have been 'good-night'."

Meanwhile, in the Minsk Tavern. on Brussels's Chausse de Charleroi, Michael Emerson, the European Union's former amhassador to Moscow, and Elena Prokhorova; his 40-year-old Russian lover and Michel's wife, are also taking stock. "I feel I've been watching a film - a nightmare. It hasn't really been involved - has been almost as about me," says Elena. Mr Emerson is not talking. He is said to be in "bad shape". His descrited historian wife, the story began to spill out early wife of almost 30 years, with whom ales at Oxford and married in 1966), spoke chipperly yesterday of "poor" the story began to spill out early wife of almost 30 years, with whom affect the proposed company, as well as the to bis empty home. Mr Michel "working conditions" and monthly remuneration of the president. In spoke chipperly yesterday of "poor

Michael" and "le démon de midi" (mid-life crisis), but also exclaimed: 'I refuse to be Brussels's answer to

Brussels

For two weeks, Brussels has heen gripped by this tale of the American airman, his wife and her British diplomat letter. The men wassan wife—the tall, slender, dark and highly intelligent Elena Prokhorova—bad left him for another man, Michael Emerson.

Mr Michel first met Management and Mr Michel first met Management and Mr Michel first met Mr M British diplomat lover. The story has centred on allegations that Mr Emerson, having run off with Ms Prokhorova, misused his position as ambassador to Moscow and his inside knowledge of EU ald probeen bombed out by the whole damn husiness." A US fighter pilot during the Victnam war, he has been through tough times before. But company plan the two were disfinding those documents has been "something else". The computer of the proposed company, would have earned \$30,000 a month, with have earned \$30,000 a month, with a nne-off lump sum of \$1.6 million. dalised normally sedate Brussels. The revelations have shocked; and cast a shadow over the cleaner emharrassed and titillated. The than clean image of normally staid: story has spnn from the Russian European Union officials. "I mean," city of St Petersburg in Kirghizia; the far-flung outpost of the former Soviet empire and then on the Jersey, London and back to Brusattention of Brussels's diplomatic chattering classes. The European Commission has launched an investigation into the affair as have the Belgian Police. But the manner in which the story unfolded - and the unlikely cast of characters it bas

themselves.

extraordinary as the allegations

returned to his Brussels home distraught in the knowledge that his new Russian wife - the tall, slender,

Prokhorova in 1991 while he was working as a US air-force planner at Nato in Brussels. She then went to work as a translator with the European Commission in Moscow, but the couple kept in touch, and married in August last year, when Ms Prokhorova returned to Brussels to live with Mr Michel. She was used to moving in high diplomatic circles. She had previously been married to the Russian ambassador to the Council of Europe. Her impressive curriculum vitae (take one entry: 1977-1979 - translator, India -USSR State Committee for External Economic Relations) has caused much comment among old Soviet hands, who know how translators were once used by the KGB.

Mr Michel learned that his wife

me a Dear John letter when I was away in Washington. Can you believe it?" he asks, evidently still distressed. In the fax she disclosed she bad been baving an affair with Mr Emerson while they were both working in Moscow. Mr Emerson had returned to Brussels in January after a four-year stint. Once he was reunited with his lover, he left his wife of almost 30 years, with whom

By Sarah Helm

together in his house and he had reason to believe they had used his com-puter. A computer whiz, be found several files that they thought they had "trashed" - but hadn't.

Among these files were a series of letters, some in Russian, written to contacts in Moscow, discussing plans to set up a "consultancy company". The couple's main contact was a St Petersburgh businessman called Ilva Baskin. Elena says she introduced Mr Emerson to Mr Baskin. The letters discussed setting up business deals in Central Asia and Kirghizia, and referred to the fact that European Union funding for Russia, known as the TACIS programme, was about to be extended to these areas, which meant it was a "good time" to do business. It is not clear what consultancy services the business would have been offering other than explaining how Western and Russian companies might benefit from EU aid.

Another letter, written by Mr Emerson, was addressed to Swart Naunton, a tax expert at Coopers and Lybrand, in Moscow. This letter advised Mr Naunton to expect contact with Mr Baskin and told him to arrange for money to reach a series of offshore bank accounts. The most devastating discovery, made by Michel, was a further doc-ument describing the plan for the

addition to a salary and lump sum under this proposal. Mr Emerson would have had a flat or house in Moscow with reliable security, as well as a car, a secretary and several

other fringe benefits. Mr Michel said this week; "I realised when I read that document that this was no love story. I was up

Neither Mr Emerson or Ms Prokhorova dispute the authenticity of the documents, but both deny any wrongdoing. They simply say they had plans to set up the company, insisting no money had changed hands. Armed with the evidence he had accumulated, the American acted quickly, immediately alerting the European Commission fraud

which likes to paint its own staff as whiter than white, appeared somewhat dumfounded by Mr Michel's bombshell, hut agreed to launch an internal inquiry. They could hardly ignore the evidence which the Amerd given to them by over his computer. "They had 300 megabytes to look through," he says. Imagine. I gave them everything on that machine - the first draft of my first novel. Can you imagine how

If true, the Commission knew

"It can't be true," they shrugged. "Not Emerson! He doesn't have it in him." Educated at Hurst Pierpoint public school in Sussex, and Balliol College, Oxford, Mr Emer-son's reputation appeared to be clean. "Bright but humourless," was how some colleagues described him. He had worked for the Commission

against \$1.6 million as well." since 1973, and had even been an

watchdogs and the Belgian Police. The European Commission,

embarrassing that was?"

that the allegations against Mr Emerson clearly pointed to a serious case of conflict of interest - or worse. But this US-style whistleblowing had sent the Brussels Eurocrats scrambling for cover. As cause for disciplinary action. the allegations began to emerge,

officials at first huffed and puffed. where in St Petersburgh.

Ms Prokhorova said yesterday that she and Michael Emerson, who

economic advisor to Roy Jenkins when he was the EU President. Even Mr Emerson's wife. Barbara, seemed flabbergasted. "Michael is very clever, but he can't do anything on his own," she said. "He is good at the world economy but when it comes to paying the bills, I have to do it or the electricity would be cut off." Meanwhile, the Foreign Office in London were quick to let it be known that Mr Émerson was not a "British diplomat". He was, strictly speaking, an EU official, and as such, certainly

By the beginning of this week, it fraud inquiry had established that the evidence produced by Mr Michel was genuine. The question remained; what to do? On Wednesday a somewhat shamefaced spokesman, Nieholas Van de Pas, took to the Commission press podium to say that the former ambassador had been granted "early retirement". Mr Emerson's behaviour, conceded the spokesman, had been "deplorable", but there was no The story may, nevertheless, not

not one of theirs.

inquiry is still going on and officials are believed to be still hunting down the mysterious Mr Baskin, some-

are living together in a rented Brussels flat, were working on new plans. She said she was hitter about being described as a "Russian temptress" and rejected claims that she had been connected with the KGB or Russian Mafia. She would not comment on whether she and Mr Emerson intended to pursue plans to set up a business in Moscow, "We would love to get married as soon as pos-sible." she said. "The idea of the company only had a 50-50 chance of coming off. Perhaps we will go to New Zealand and grow cubbages."

Yesierday, the heroine of the story, Barbara Emerson, visited the Commission to see if she might qualify for a slice of Mr Emerson's pension. The couple have three children. "I am of a practical dispo-sition." she said bravely, "Poor Michael. I think he will come back to me in the end. He only used to eat packet soup when I wasn't

Mr Michel admits that he doesn't really expect Elena to come back to him hut he is sure that "she will cheat on Emerson soon". He says he is staying on in Brussels and is planning his next book - and rumour has it, it could be a novel about an American, his wife and her diplomat lover, based in

Jo Brand's week

All the old fogeys are up in arms about the fact that God is going to be played by a woman in this year's mystery plays in York. A heated discussion ensued on Question Time this week, and an audience vote showed that only ensued on Question Time this week, and an audience vote showed that only 8 per cent thought God was a woman. I'm surprised it was as many as that, to be honest. We have all had it drummed into us since the year dot that God is a bloke with a long beard and long white hair. We also have the added problem that lots of men think they're God, whereas most women don't. Given the glut of films recently featuring men in drag, I can't see a problem with a woman playing what is seen as a traditionally male role. At least Christianity should be liberal enough to cope with this idea without going into a homicidal rose. into a homicidal rage.



Mr P: a large, attractive wallet

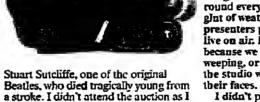
So Luciano Pavarotti has joined the club of men who dump their wives for their secretaries. I'm sure his attractiveness is down to wallet size, as opposed to anything else. Pavaroni may have gune off his wife sexually some time ago, because these things happen, but I would imagine that he is not the easiest man to negotiate in the sack, either. This doesn't matter if you have a close and enduring friendship, which is what keeps lots of couples together into the separate-beds years. Betrayal of that friendship is far worse than the odd dabble on the side. If I was Mrs Pavarotti, I'd take the bastard for all I As soon as a film comes out in America, real-life examples pop up all over the place to emulate the behaviour of the characters, thereby becoming the "real-life Bonnie and Clyde", etc. etc. So we have a "reallife Thelma and Louise", so called, because they led the FBI on a fivemonth cross-country bunt in the US last year. They didn't drive over a cliff, though, so the end was not so exciting. Real life isn't, sometimes, is it?

Two men driving across the country trying to escape from the police . . wouldn't even merit a mention in most papers, which I suppose demonstrates how unusual it is for women to commit these sorts of crimes. It's a shame that the two women in

the Peugeot advert haven't been apprehended yet and tried in the very irritating ads court. They didn't drive over a cliff either, more's the pity.

Many rich apper-class women, the Princess of Wales included, seem hellbent on doing good works for charity groups. Why? Is it down to conscience, guilt, frustration or a wish for self-fulfilment? I would imagine much of it may be down to boredom. A visit to the homeless or a chat with the royals? No contest in my book.

I got into a taxi this week and said some words that I will probably never say again: "The Ritz, please." This was because I'd put myself and a free tea at the Ritz up for auction on behalf of an arts foundation set up in the name of



couldn't bear the potential humiliation of only attracting a sum under a tenner, from one of my relatives. However, two blokes bid a flattering and sizeable sum. As I went 10 meet them. all I knew was that they were in "advertising", and I confess my prejudices had made me apprehensive. Yes, I'm afraid I imagined two braving, suited whizzkids with whom I would have nothing in common. I apologise. I was completely wrong. They were intelligent, interesting men with a great sense of humour and I hope they

enjoyed it. I did, especially the scones.

wish the UK had its own version of Neighbours, because it would just be a catalogue of disputes between people who can't manage to live together in an adult way. Take the case that unfolded this week at Newcastle upon Tyne County Court, which awarded £15.000 damages and £20,000 legal costs against Mr Paul Telford. A row with his neighbours, Frank and Mary Bray, about barking dogs escalated when Mr Telford acquired a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig with ghastly toilet habits, which caused the Brays great distress because of the

odours wafting over the fence. These rather childish arguments seem to be becoming more common. and are a bad example for everyone else from so-called grown-ups. The

At least pot-bellied pigs can't bark. And don't bother to write in and call me one. I'm sure the Sun's Garry Bushell will do it for you.

I'm glad that 29 February only comes round every four years, or we'd have a glut of weather women and local news presenters proposing to their men live on air. It is irritating, too. because we never got to see the men the studio with a look of terror on

I didn't propose to anyone, just in case they said yes. Having a bushand would ruin my reputation as the manhating feminist hallbreaker that I am.



Why did they let him go?

Alan Clark, the former minister, who drove his Range Rover (what else would be drive?) through a police cordon while trying to get to a lunch, remarked that everyone in public life ought to be arrested at least nuce, as an educational exercise. I agree, but I think that some of them, including Alun, shouldn't be let out again. It would save locking up your dangbters.

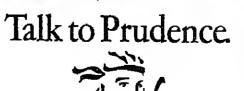
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Why our innermost thoughts need protection

This week we were subjected to another out-burst of intimacy from the Princess of Wales. Apparently she is frustrated by the Royal Family's reaction to her demands in her divorce negotiations, and she thinks they are playing ping-pong with her - whatever that means. We've heard a lot about Diana's innermost thoughts in the past few years: from bulimia to the enemy camp Buckingham Palace, from her desire to be Queen of Hearts to her distress at the stream of battered this and battered that, which made up royal life. The col-lapse of the British monarchy under the weight of its many failed relationships is an important cultural and constitutional story of our times.

It also happens to be jolly good fun, for news-papers and their readers. As far as the royal mismarriage is concerned we need have few qualms about prving hacks invading people's privacy and telling their story to the world. The leading protagonists have been tripping over each other to spill their beans to a waiting world. Why shouldn't we want to know and expect to

be told as much as we can stomach about the inner details of the Wales's miserable marriage? After all, we are at the end of a week that has been dominated by the need to make British society more open. This newspaper, more than any other, has campaigned for greater openness in every walk of life. We welcomed Sir Richard Scott's arms-to-lraq report two weeks ago, with its domning evidence of insidious secreey in the corridors of power. We called for greater transparency, greater accountability and for a Freedom of Information Act. What's sauce for the Government should presumably be sauce for the Crown too. As long as the machinations of the Royal Family have constitutional implications they are fair game for public scrutiny.

However, as we lap it up, there is something that vaguely worries us about the Royals' enthusiasm for letting it all hang out. Their case is just the most extreme of the rise of public confessionalism, using the television screen as the latter day equivalent of the church as the medium for atoning. The case for greater openness in a system of government as closed as the one we have is overwhelming. A society is being driven to be more open by a set of linked forces. Democracy demands openness. Technologies, such as the spread of the personal computer and the Internet are allowing more information to be made available more rapidly to more people. A society like ours, which believes in the market and meriocracy, has to be open about the rules of competition and the standards against which peo-

ple are being judged.

And yet in this urge to be open are there no costs? Is openness an unalloyed good or is possible that this Nineties fashion for confessional-ism and disclosure could, taken to the extreme, undermine the very notion of what should be kept

Take confessionalism first. Charles and Di compete for media space with the famous, the fortunate and the downright ordinary to reveal deep secrets to a national audience. Soap opera stars describe how they have overcome drug addictions. Families admit to their souabbles and their deepest anxieties on Oprah and her UK equiva-



lents. Cilla Black drags millions of viewers away from the National Lottery Show every Saturday night to watch strangers meet, date and describe what they like and dislike about one another on Blind Date.

If tabloid television doesn't tickle your fancy.

there are the more gentile versions on Radio 4. Listeners can enjoy highly personal reflections on Desert Island Discs or In The Psychiatrist's Chair. Every weekend acros of newsprint are taken up with first person columns in which the authors turn their experiences into marketable com-modities of the media age.

And then there are the books: Nick Hornby

confessing his addiction to football, Gifes Smith detailing his obsession with Sting. Blake Morrison picking over his life with his father and this week Madame Mitterrand's revelations about loving a man who seduced a string of young woman. forms a tribute to her past life with the late French President and includes stories she never shared while her husband was alive.

All this effusive openness has huge advantages.

Many forms of therapy – overcoming drug and alcohol addictions, dealing with experiences of rape or child abuse, handling a violent past, or even marriage counselling — involve describing personal experiences and emotions to others. People often find it cathartic and constructive. Wardsing others admit to illness or emotional problems on television can be extremely reassuring for peo-ple – especially men – who would otherwise agonise about the same issues in isolation.

But all this revealing can go too far. Milan Kundera, writing in the New York Review of Books last year and recalling his experience of the way total-itarismism has destroyed private life in eastern Europe, argued that maintaining a private world is essential to sustaining a sense of the individ-ual: "Private and public are two essentially different worlds and respect for that difference is

the indispensable condition for a man to live free. The thoughts and reactions we admit to in our heads are very different from the scribblings in a diary for publication. If our private thoughts become crowded out by the need to insushall and reveal an opinion for public view, then we may ose any sense of a private self.

Kundera fears that the sanctity of private life is once again being threatened in the liberal democracies of the 1990s. This time it is the appetite for displaying the private world for the entertainment of the public.

Certainly relationships suffer from too much public show. Building close bonds with other peo-ple depends on being able to single them out for distinctive form of communication. Lovers become mimate only because they admit each occome manage only because they aman can other to a private and privileged world. It is hardly surprising that in the past 12 months a string of so-called colebrity marriages have broken down the requirements of intunacy for a rottantic relationship incompatible it would seem with the demands of a public rule.

demands of a public role.

Openness is a great good. We do not have enough of it in our political and corporate life. where too often secrecy is the modus vivendi. Yet openiess in the name of the public only makes sease if there is also a private world to be protected and nurtured. We neglect that at our peril.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Medical negligence: to apologise, to explain, to litigate

From Dr Michael Saunders Sir: I read with interest Polly Toynbee's article "Legal leeches are bleeding the NHS" (28 February). The Medical Defence Union is contributing to Lord Woolf's review of civil justice and supports any initia-tives to make the litigation process fairer, faster and cheaper in the interests of our members and their patients.

I would, however, like to take issue with the common misunderstanding, repeated in the article, that "no prudent manager or medical insurer would dream of letting a doctor apologise". This is certainly not our view, and we speak as the UK's leading provider of indemnity to doctors.

Since the mid-Fifues, we have repeatedly advised our members to "say sorry" if something has gone wrong with a patient's treatment. A sincere and honest apology should be made, either

worry about inadvertently making an admission of legal liability, as this is something completely different. The patient is always entitled to a prompt, appropriate and truthful account of what has occurred. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SAUNOERS Medical Defence Union

From Projessor Roy Sanders Sir. Polly Toynbee has hit the nail on the head. Screw the NHS by making litigation for medical negligence cheaper and quicker, and justice more accessible, and money will be diverted from medicine to the law: from patients in need of treatment to those who have

been negligently treated. Some Trusts hammer the doctor by settling actions because it is cheaper than by the doctor concerned or, if defending them. Where does were made, a government appropriate, by a senior coltable that leave the doctor faced with warning led to a dramatic

league. Doctors should not a well-treated but discontented

and litigious patient? Chip away at the trust a patient has in the doctor, wedge the lawyers between the human and apologetic doctor and the patient, and it is plain to see that with increased access to litigation, for the NHS, there's a Woolf at the door. Yours faithfully, ROY SANGERS

Clinical Director Centre for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Mount Vernon Hospital From Mr Michael Napier Sir: The tranquilliser claims

Polly Toynbee refers to were against pharmaceutical companies for failing to warn doctors and patients about the risk of injury to heaith, caused by addiction and dependency on drugs, at vast expense to the NHS. Soon after the claims reduction in tranquilliser prescriptions at a huge saving to

hoper she suggests.
In her sweeping attack on the legal profession's motives when acting for accident victims, Polly Toynbee also overlooks the fact that nobody can sue for medical negligence (with or without legal aid) unless their claim is supported by the independent evidence of another doctor.

the NHS. And although the lia-

bility of the drug manufactur-

ers was never tested at trial, the

case was certainly not the no-

Medical negligence litigation is usually hard fought and not every case succeeds. But each year, numerous victims of medical accidents rightly recover compensation that in total far exceeds the annual amount paid out by legal aid on cases that fail. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL NATIER President, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers

Civil Service recruitment

From Dame Gillian Brown Sir: The Government's plan to privatise the Civil Service Recruitment and Advisory Service has had scant publicity, but as a result of questions in the House of Lords it will be debated there on S March. I hope the Government will be

persuaded to drop the scheme. The advantages of privatisation for undertakings needing major investment and competition scarcely apply. Earl Home stated on 25 January that it would free the RAS to compete for business in a wider market. Is that realistic given the multitude of existing agencies? A stated purpose is to provide a better service with better value for the taxpayer. Is that well thought out? Assurances that civil servants will

retain control over tests for and appointments to "the fast-stream" and that audits could lead to a sub-standard RAS losing the contract may allay some anxieties, but the likely outcome seems to be a complicated system involving extra work rather than savings. In my experience, based on

many years in the Diplomatic Service and later as an assessor for the Civil Service Selection Board, our recruitment system has a justifiably high reputation at home and abroad for its integrity and effective assessment methods. Indeed the Government has advanced no specific criticism of the RAS; so why dismantle it? Yours sincerely. GILLIAN BROWN, London, W8

A millennial Palace of art

From Mr Roger Guedalla oir. During a recent week in Republican France, I was reminded that the Louvre had once been a Royal Palace. Could not this set an excellent example to us in Britain, as we search for a great project for the millennium and, at the same time, seek some significant change in the institution of

the monarchy?

My suggestion is that Buck-ingham Palace, already reputed to be unpopular with members of the Royal Family, be turned into one the world's greatest art galleries by displaying the contents of the Royal Collection. The Queen

herself would move into St James's Palace which was, I believe, the London home of the Royal Family before Buckingham Palace was built.

Not only would this be seen as a wonderful gesture on the part of the Royal Family, leading among other things to a significant reduction in expense, it would also abolish one of the great scandals of our time. What may well be the greatest of all art collections is currently hidden from view with the slight exception of the small annual display in the Bucknigham Palace Gallery, Itwould also provide a permaneut and wonderful symbol for the millennium. Dear Jason, Yours sincerely.

ROGER GUEDALI'A llford, Essex.

In a lather over soap opera pay

From Professor Phil Redmond Sir. Your article "Brookside' directors in a lather over 'miserly pay' (28 February) is a perfect example of the idiosyncratic artistic interpretation of a dramatic piece. Both your article and its source material. the letter from Piers Haggard of the Directors Guild to myself, contain cuts to the orig-

inal work. Rather than Mr Haggard having had "no reply" to his let-ter, he was contacted on the day his fax arrived (Friday, 23 Feb ruary) and was informed that I was away but I would see it on my return. This I did the following Tuesday, with an initial reply reaching him the same

Most of the central characstaff repertory players; they therefore receive the industry staff rates. When staff are temporarily seconded to other projects, their understudies are on

lance contracts.

One thing I have agreed in correspondence with Mr Haggard is that the "derisory £75" increase could be seen as insult Yours sincerely, PHIL REDMOND

Chairman Mersey Television Company Liverpool

Liberal reforms

From Mr Larry McLean Sir. I agree completely with Adam Blackie (28 February) on the need for three major reforms - proportional representation, a Bill of Rights, and a Freedom of Information Act.

He says "none of the major parties seem keen to introduce such reforms". For "none" substitute "neither". The Liberal Democrats advocate all the reforms he supports. Yours sincerely.

Wolverhampton

Tea's maid

Sir. In the early 1950s, we had a French au pair girl, who was amazed to see us measuring loose tea leaves into our teapot. Throughout her childhood, she bad hand sewn and filled muslin tea bags for family use. Her dismay on seeing that it had all been unnecessary was considerable. Yours sincerely, DIANA WOOD Leigh, Kent

Mutty humour

From Mr A W Low Sir. Your article on the emo tional lives of animals reminds me of an occasion when I was with our dog. a labrador-collie cross. Once, when some boys were larking about, the dog ran-across harking and scattering the children but not harmin them. He then stood still and was sure he laughed. Yours sincerely.

AARONOVITCH

The fax factor

Oh how treacherous is technology. It is barely six months since the London Evening Standard confused a faxed article by the former-Labour golden boy Bryan Gould with a piece of political juvenilia penned by the teenage son of the Home Secretary, Michael Howard. But this week a letter of sympathy from Mr Howard's wife, Sandra, to the Tory rebel Peter Thurnham turned up on the fax machine of the Bohon Metro News.

The lives of journalists, scrubbing around for good stories of embarrassments to the rich and powerful, would be made immeasurably easier if the fol- Dear Milkman. lowing "communications" also.

Dear Gardner Merchant,

Some additional requirements for our annual garden party. We need another 45 bottles of the Veuve, an extra 50 caviar vol-au-vents (black, not red), and a large selection of eigars (note: Cuban only). I trust that in addition to the comestibles you have remem- Dear Mr. Manning bered the red flags.

Sincerely, Anne Scargill

Life is horrible here at St Olive's. The boys are all stukk up, and immagine that their better than everyone else. They spend all their time boasting. about limoozines, yots and helicopters, and going to the conntry at weekends. As for their parents, they are the most dreddfull social climers, all complaining about crime and the decline of commyoonity. What's more I don't think the education hear is up to much neither. Why o why didn't Mum let me go with you to Grot Street comprehensive?

Yore friend, Joe (Harman)

Dear Richard Shepherd. Michael has no idea that I'm writing, but I saw you on Newsnight and just thought "golfy-gosh isn't this chap brave, defy-ing the whips over that big Scott report thing. I mean. yon're wrong of course. And Michael says even a bit unhinged. I know that, but you are socoo courageous. Faithfully, Sandra Howard

Dear Auntie Doreen.

Tur that fed up. Yesterday at another one of those rallies we keep having to go to, that Cheric Blair ponces up to me, dressed like a Wakefield tart. and starts telling me in her la-de-da voice what a hard time she's having juggling child care with her 200 grand a year job getting poli-tax defaulters semi to jail. And oft, she says: cool as a cucumber, I do love your hair, Pauline, so very Sixties. Still, as John says, one more election defeat and she'll be going the way of Glenys Kinnock. Your niece, Pauline

This note is to say that we're oing away this weekend. I've left the back-door open, so that you can put the organic milk and bio-yoghurts directly into the refrigerator, if you wouldn't mind. Your money is in the garage, underneath a half-empty petrol can, on the shelf next to file car.

Back Tuesday, Jane Ashdown

I wonder if I could trouble you by asking for your autograph. It's my husband's birthday, and he is a great admirer of yours, constantly retelling your jokes at dinners and party conferences. In anticipation. Carolyn Portillo

Dear Kidsparties, Draft menu for 12th birthday party. Nothing with beef in it stuffed full of brain-rot). No eggs (salmonella). No dairy produce (destroys sperms. Problems in later life for boy guests). No vegetables (DDT). Nothing from the Newbury area (like trees, hate cars).

Dear Peter Mandelson. Michael has no idea I'm writing, but I felt I just had to tell you how very much I've enjoyed your new book, that you wrote with Mr Little. It was Michael's copy I-picked up and he'd left lots of notes in the margins, say-ing things like "I completely agree", "the party should adopt this one" and so on. Why have we never mei at any party gath-

QUOTE UNQUOTE

When I go home nowadays, I get the sort of kindliness normally reserved for dead people - Neil Kinnock, European Commissioner and former Labour leader

Never attack an opponent when he is killing himself - Gerald Kaufman, Labour MP My mother wanted me to be a nice boy. I didn't let her down. I don't

smoke, drink or mess around with women - Julian Chery, com Middle age is when, wherever you go on holiday you pack a weater - Denis Norden

Iwenty years down the line everyone will have forgotten about Diama. She will have joined the list of clapped out celebrates living in California - David Starkey, historia The Ottoman Sultans would have had her strangled in a bag and

thrown into the Sea of Marmora - Norman Stone, historic Everyone in public life ought to be arrested at least once. It an education - Alan Clark, former minister, apprehen allegedly driving through a police cordon in central London. Oh, crambs yes, but it's wonderful words - Sir Cliff Richard, when told that the scene from his musical 'Heathcliff' where he kneel singing next to Cathy's decomposing body was gruesome's



Run for your life: the Waterloo Cup at Great Altcar

Coursing is no 'sport' for the hares

From Mrs Joan Haggard Sir: Janet George's article "Hunting is good news for hares" (Another View, 28 February) is one of the most chillingly insensitive accounts of any bloodsport I have ever read. She explains the rules and moves of the Waterloo Cup as if describing a contest between a group of

equally willing participants. The only time she mentions suffering is to say that if the hare gets caught there are four "dispatchers" at vantage points to ensure there is no suffering. What degree of suffering con-

Rags to riches

Sir: As a student at a Cam

hridge college experiencing re-week. I should like to bring

your attention to the appalling

To enter this supposedly fun

difficulty of RAG Challenge.

event, teams must pay money

which goes to charity, and then

try to collect more points than

anybody else by completing

various chattenges. 1 should

especially like to draw your

attention to the amount of

points received for getting a

newspaper before Sunday 3 March - 2000!

Yours sincerely.

Churchill College Cambridge

DAVID GUNN

letter published in a national

From Mr David Gunn

Green Labour

Sir: Tony Blair's speech on the

unvironment was far more than

"a sequence of well-intended platitudes" ("A conventional

shade of green", 28 February).

heen wary of green issues for

fear of undermining economic

goals. In Trust for Tomorrow, the

party's policy document on the

environment, moved Labour

beyond those tears. Tony Blair

has now added his approval.

Traditionally, the Left has

From Mr Chris Hewett

Anyway, one might point out that the whole event depends on the hare experiencing enough terror to make it try to escape a violent death. Does not that, in itself, qualify as suffering? Yours sincerely. JOAN HAGGARO Harpenden, Hertfordshire

From Mr John Bryant Sir: Janet George of the British Field Sports Society defended the three-day Waterloo Cup hare coursing event on Merseyside on the same day the Liv-erpool Echo published the result of a poll showing that 96

House of Lords.

per cent of local people favoured a ban on this event.

A national poll by Gallup in 1990 revealed that 85 per cent of the public oppose hare coursing. In the mid-Seventies, the House of Commons passed a Bill to outlaw hare coursing by a majority of more than 100 - only for it to be blocked in the unelected

For large coursing events, hares have to be netted in other

As one cannot transport hares to an estate and then claim they are "pests", the only purpose of hare coursing is The Waterloo Cup takes place at the end of February. thus leaving any orphaned leverets to die from starvation or predation. In the interests of animal welfare, wildlife con-servation and not least democ-

areas and transported to the coursing estates, which do not hold sufficient numbers of "native" hares to ensure completion of the heats. For instance, on the first day of this year's Waterloo Cup, 13 hares

and the Conservatives. The tar-

get of reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 20 per cent by 2010 is an ambitious one.

Labour's programme of energy

efficiency improvements to houses will save far more CO2

than VAT on fuel, will reduce

rather than exacerhate fuel

poverty and, according to inde-

racy, hare coursing should be outlawed Yours sincerely. JOHN BRYANT League Against Cruel Sports London, SE1 In terms of specific policies, road to rail is in stark contrast Mr Blair stressed the clear to the Tory record on transport. green water between Labour important

were killed - no doubt some of

them pregnant or nursing young,

announcement, however, is of a parliamentary "Green Audit" committee. This will help to prevent green issues being seen as an optional add-on and will take environmental concerns to the heart of all government

Yours CHRIS HEWETT Resources Association London, N4

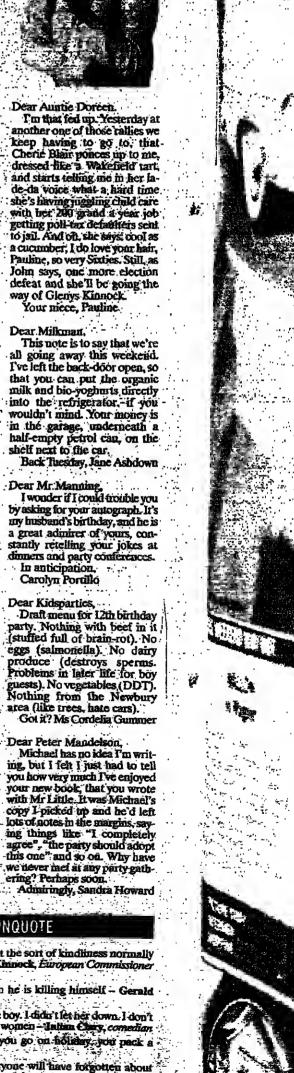
LARRY MCLEAN From Mrs Diana Wood

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ing. It has been withdrawn.

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THIS WEEKEND WHY NOT.

WALLOW In Wagner

Throw yourself in at deep end and take part in Lendon's mini-Wagner festival. ENO's Tristari and Isolde (4pm today) has gamered reviews you couldn't pay for and Anne Evans is the undoubted star of the Royal Opera's Gotterdammerung (4.30pm today). Queue early for day seats or join the geturns queue.

IND (0171-532 8300): Royal Opera House (0171-304 4000)

READ

The Whitbread Book of the Year

Remember when Jeanette Winterson was tunny? Kate Atkinson has all that and no pretentiousness to boot. Glory in Behind the Scenes at the Museum, the tale of Reby and Bunty, her sublimely grampy mother. Anyone blanching at the cost of hardback fiction will be delighted to discover that the Whitbread Book of the Year is flow in paperback.

Black Swan, £6,99

DISCOVER Bedpan Art

Despised by traditionalists and ignored by the avant-garde, the bedpan remains a spectacularly unexplored resource in world art. Until now, A new exhibition brings together sculptures – including masks and a horse – all made from disposable pans. Will Brian Sewell be there?

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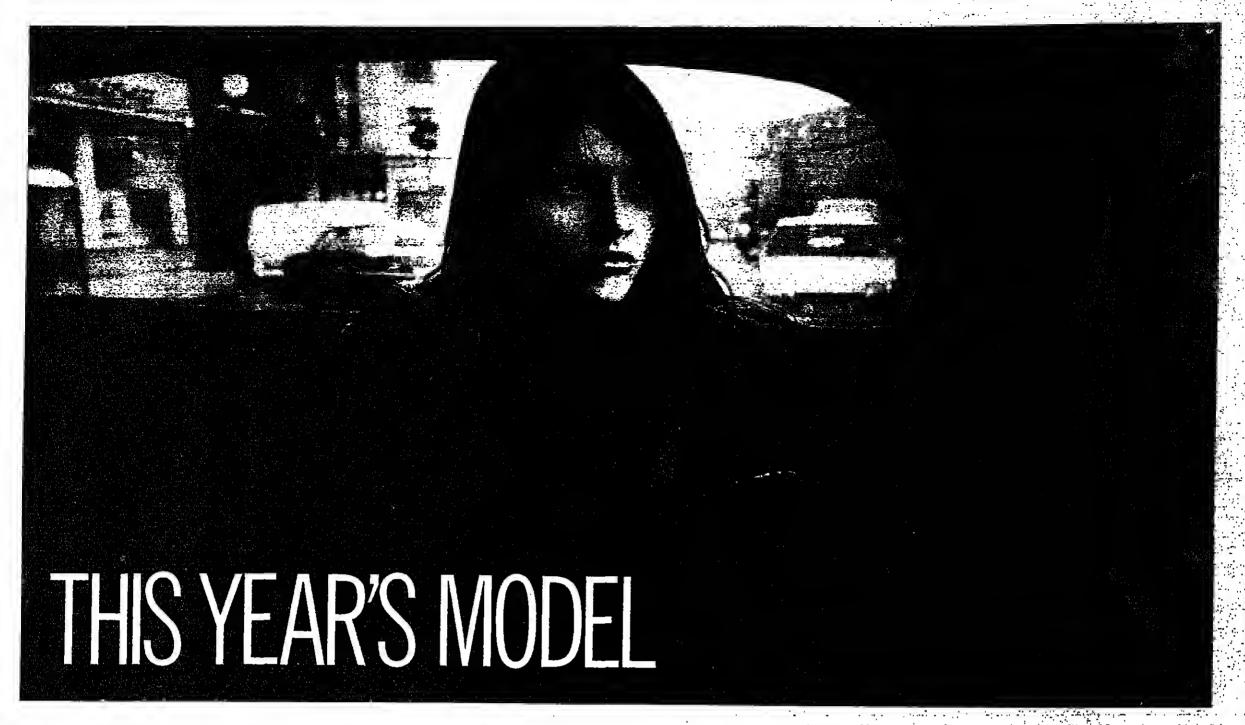
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Last year, Joanne Watkins, an unknown 16-year-old Cardiff schoolgirl, walked into the offices of Select, one of London's top modelling agencies. She was instantly thrust into the fashion limelight and is now tipped for the top of the modelling world. Edward Sykes kept his camera on her during London Fashion Week



Above: In between catwalk castings, Jeanne visits a fashion photographer who studies her book with a view to a possible forthcoming shoot. She can already expect to command up to

Below: on the catwalk at the bouncy and distinctively feminine Antonio Berardi show. After appearing in the current Gucci adver-

tising campaign for the Spring collection, Joanne Watkins has become one of the

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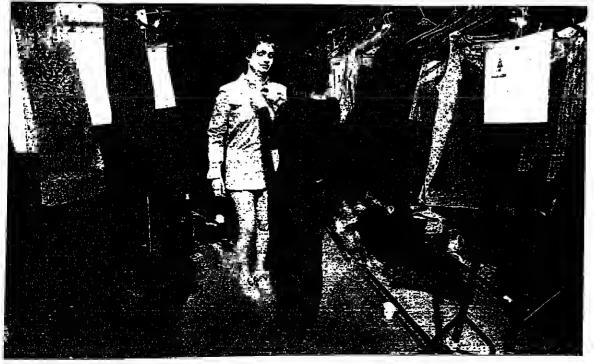
Top picture: London Fashion Week coincides with Joanne's half-term — but it's no holiday. Sight-seeing is confined to peering out of a taxi, and her time is spent rushing between her five main catwalk shows, castings, photo shoots and meetings at Select. In tha evening, (above) she unwinds to some A-level homework: if the modelling dream goes sour, her contingency plan is a degree in psychology

Right: large amounts of hairspray from a previous show are brushed out backstage at the Copperwhaat Blundell show (last year's British New Generation Designer of the Year). Models are usad to painful grooming, but during London Fashion Week, they can expect to put on violently different styles and catwalk attitudes

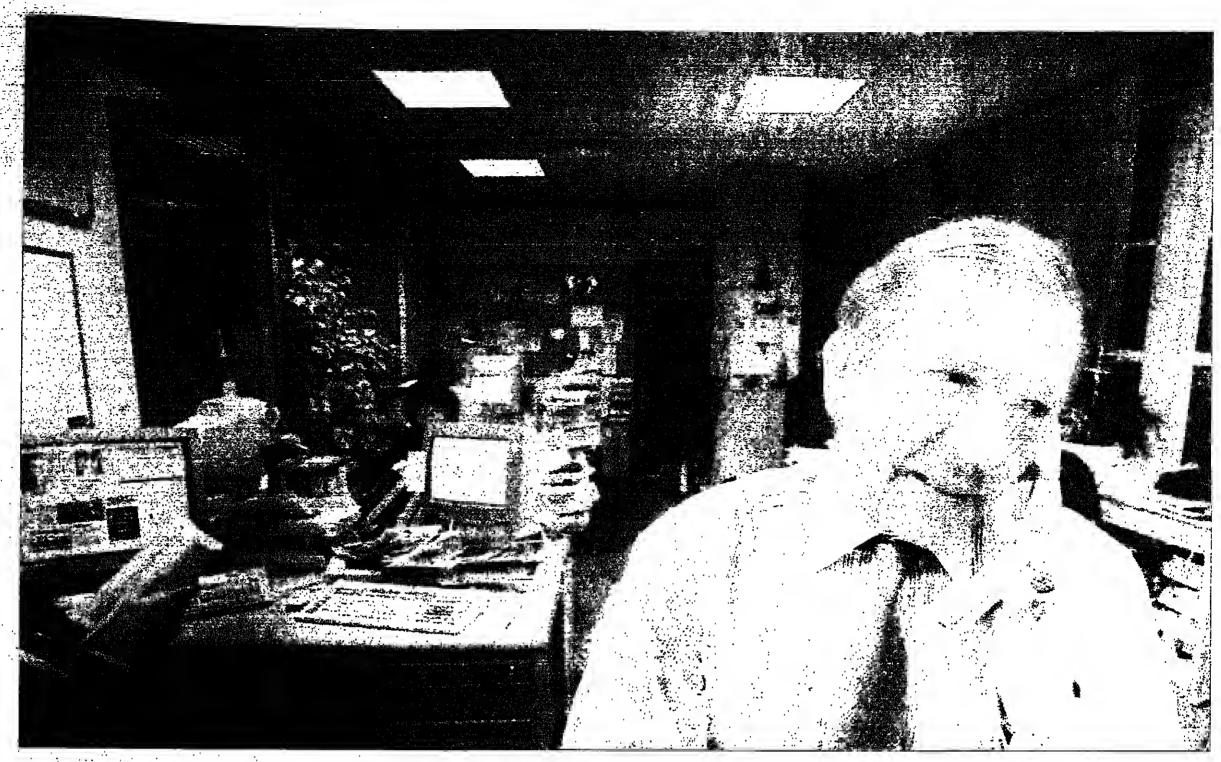
Below: being assisted by a dresser into Copperwheat Blundell's street-style clothes. The collections modelled are for autumn and winter. Backstage is one of the few opportunities to chat with fellow models; most are too tired to socialise afterwards







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Dempster in excelsis

The week the world learnt of the royal divorce found Nigel Dempster, guru of gossip, in his element. By John Walsh. Photograph by Herbie Knott

Street, he is explaining to a far-off bit of the Empire what the Royal Family is up to.

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> And he does not feel the British public would put up with him if he married Camilla. Diana? Well, she is not a greedy person. Her brother, Lord Spencer, who now lives in South Africa, told me Buckingham Palace is surprised by the modesty of her demands." As he updates the monarchists of New Zealand on the level of Diana's cupidity, Dempster's voice is inflected with absolute authority, with no quaver of doubt or ambiguity. Only a simpleton, you feel, could imagine there could be any other view of Chnek and Di. Much of what he says is, in fact, supposition (unless, of course, he is telepathically privy to the Prince of Wales's inner thoughts), but what Dempster supposes to be the case counts as the truth in a few million living-rooms.

> 'Come in! Come in!" be cries, hand over mouthpiece. "Some ebampagne? I think there's some white wine in the fridge." His empire is surprisingly small, considering that be has been the most famous gossip columnist in the world for at least 20 years. One expected a chaise-longue, a Hugh Hefner penthouse, a scemic elevator... There are just five desks, a rubber plant, photographs from jolly evenings with Peter Stringfellow, Peter McKay and various swarthy beauties. Just behind Dempster's head, the pictures are nearly all of his beloved racehorses. Aardwolf and Pretoria Dancer.

My timing is perfect, for the news has just broken: the Princess of Wales has finally agreed to a divorce and hinted at the terms that will be acceptable to her, and Dempster is in excelsis. He positively bristles with knowledge. You can practically hear a wash of royal uttle-tattle, a quarter-century of stories, scandals, intrigues, rumours, anticipations and reflections flooding through his cerebral cortex. He shoots the cuffs of his pyjama-stripey shirt (Hilditch & Key at a guess), perches like a precise, fas-tidious Samuel Whiskers on a desk for his portrait, answers the (now endlessly shrilling) phone with easy aplomb. He is as suave as Brylcreem, with just the faintest

hint of poison. After New Zealand, Canada has been ringing for his insights. The American newspapers also seem gripped by thinkly undevastating news from Kensington Palace. To all sellien, he proffers the same firm, just-the-facts routhe signs off to the stunned Washington Post.

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Doesn'the charge consultancy rates? "No, I don't. Unlike Mr James Whittaker [the Daily Mirror's florid Royal watcher], who practically has his accountant sitting beside him, giving details of his account in Jersey. I just throw it all away. Of course, he will end up very rich and I won't."

How high up is Dempster's best royal contact? "Well, we've got somebody sitting not 50 yards away who ... " But I don't mean Richard Kay, the Mail journalist who has car rides with Diana. I mean the family itself. "Well, I've known demands his view of the Princess of Wales's romantic pre-Andrew Parker-Bowles for years," says Dempster with that occupations, the likelihood of the Prince's second marriage.

n the third floor of the Daily Mail headquarters in bayen't-we-all lift of the eyebrows. "And Diana's brother - Pink Post-It notes ("This Morning want interview", "BBC west London, Nigel Dempster is doing what he does when he had that spot of bother with Sally Ann Lasson, he best. Gazing purposefully through his window, which came straight to us." But does he have intimate chats with, overlooks the electric ribbon of Kensington Church say. Princess Margaret, whose biography he wrote (it was say, Princess Margaret, whose biography he wrote (it was published in 1981)? Nigel is evasive. "The sadness of Princess Margaret's life is that she's now very much extraneous to the Royal Family. She said to me in the past. The younger

ones are growing up and old Auntie won't be needed. The odd thing is, we are not here to discuss the Royal Family at all. The occasion of our meeting is the birth of Dempster's, a brand new giossy magazine launched on Thursday. A befty 150-page quarterly, subtitled "Life with Style", it's a narcoleptically familiar mix of celebrity chat (Liz Hurley and Kenneth Branagh, though not, tragically, together). ociety insight" (druggy marquesses and bolted earls), fashion and a rather snooty guide to the Season. Imagine Tailer with no sophistication or sense of humour and you're there. What's surprising is that the titular Nigel appears on the masthead only as "contributing editor", and contributes little beyond a footling interview with the Duchess of York about ber charities. In fact, he sounds distinctly semi-detached

about the enterprise.
"I have an adviser called Neville Shulman," he explains, "who bas been looking round for some time for a reputable publishing company, to say to them, do you want to expand your portfolio? It's a mating by Neville of a publisher and my name and my mout. It's basically a magazine for women." Why did he want to do it? "I just think if you don't have a crack,

you're not going to get anywhere. As you know, I race horses." But how does it feel to have a magazine named after him, like Malcolm Forbes? What does it express of the real Nigel? "I think it's just trying to sell a commodity, like Raleigh bikes

People assume it's a good name and go and buy it." The magazine's subtitle, "Life with Style", is a worrier not just because it reeks of the lives-of-the-rich-andfamous routines of Hello! magazine, but hecause "style", as monitored through Dempster's Daily Mail column, seems such a tacky business. In that morning's Mail, for instance, the Dempster page had carried a story, by no means untypical, about two unknown women. "Winston Churchill's former mistress Jan Cushing and actress Marilyn Galsworthy" misbehaving at a restaurant by spending £904.50 on champagne and caviar and sending the hill to their mutual exlover. This is the Alexis Carrington school of ditzy spite. Wouldn't most readers say, "So what?"

"It shows how much gossip has evolved," says Dempster. That sort of story would never have been written 10 years ago. Those few paragraphs encapsulate all the appalling behaviour that people reading a newspaper want to hear about." He muses on the plight of the Great Unwashed. "They lead humdrum lives, you see, they don't get out much. In that story. I put in what was said, what they are and drank, the price and the rest of it and I think people are interested in that simply because they say, 'Jesus, is that what's going on in the world?" "

During an hour, coincidentally, the world has been ver interested in Mr Demoster. Phone call after phone call World Service TV tomorrow am - pls ring") settle like snowflakes on Dempster's word processor until the screen is wholly obscured. ITN are in the ear park...

Then there's an unmissable summons from above. Sir-David English, the sainted Editor-in-chief of the Mail titles, would like Nigel's two-penn orth on Channel One, his new cable station. Could he oblige? So we trot down the corridors, and ascend to a draughty balcony, where Nigel does his perching routine on a marble buttress in from of a rickety camera and it begins again, the same litany of detail: "She's obviously got everything she wants. She's got the title. She's got the money. She's got Kensington Palace. She's got the children - so what more could she want? But she's not a greedy person. Her brother, Lord Spencer..." His black moccasins emphasise his unusually small feet, like a ballerina's the and his wife are keen balletomanes), and he smooths an errant hair over a wayward earpiece with practised hand. There is something inescapably camp about Dempster, an over-emphatic, flaring Englishness shared hy Jeremy Brett and Noël Coward, the latter of whom he occasionally resembles land, while we're at it, with his glasses on he's a ringer for Sir David Frost). You have to remind yourself that the Greatest Living Englishman, in Auberon Waugh's happy phrase, is a foreigner.

Sort of. He's Australian, born in India of a Scottish father and a Cornish mother, a mongrel provenance of which he is clearly proud. "Yes, I am an Australian, and in this joh you have to be a foreigner really; you can't sustain the curiosty level if you're part of the whole circuit." He went to Sherbonrne (Second term 1955 - I checked in The Sherbottme) Register which he keeps handily in his drawer) where his best friend was Richard Evre of National Theatre fame. Open on Dempster's desk is a letter from the Sherbourne School Appeal, "I am so pleased you can join us for lunch at the Cavalry and Guards Cluh on Wednesday" it begins. Has he always had this devotion to his Alma Mater? Dempster roars. "I was expelled, for God's sake. I was asked to leave. Too disruptive an influence. I would never do as I was told and I had a huge gang of friends, so it felt as if the whole school was being undermined."

After working in Lioyds and the Stock Exchange, he sold vacuum cleaners for a while and drifted into journalism. More to the point, he discovered the Debs' season in March 1959, the moment from which he traces "my downfall", plunging into a hundred balls, boudoirs and cleavages like a dingo in a dinner jacket. Then he started selling little diary pieces to William Hickey at the Daily Express, then he met Lord Beaverbrook at Cowes. His Mail column started in 1973 and hits its 23rd hirthday this year, "I've seen off 11 William Hickeys," he says with satisfaction, perhaps unable to believe that some people might wish to give up writing gossip in layour of something more serious.

Why, I ask, do people need gossip? What's it for? "I think it's a currency." he says. "It's a way of conversing with people when you're sitting on a train and it's cold or you're in the pub at lunchtime and you've nothing to talk about; it's a slightly more sophisticated version of 'Have you heard the not a greedy person." The voice follows you, relentlessly. one about?" " But isn't it a sociological thing, about feeling

superior to people who are supposed to be your social herters? "There's an element of having something that puts you in a position of some importance, whether it's a story about a pop group or it's just. Have you heard who Diana is with at this precise moment?"

Actually, Nigel, I was wondering... "The answer is nobody at the moment. After Will Carling there was this chap called Wally, but neither's on her marriage list, I'm pretty sure. She's very lonely at present, In fact, I hear that people are starting to leave the Harbour Club because Diana's always popping up heside them and they don't like it."

How does the column work? Does the stuff about the minor aristocrats come rolling in with every post? "Well, I have lunch with sources every day, of course. But I have literally hundreds of triends and they ring up from all over the world and keep in touch. They're all like-minded people. A chap'll ring me from New York and say, 'You will never helieve what happened last night. They aren't journalists, but they're people who read newspapers and enjoy gossip, they're old pals of mine and they're doing me a favour and maybe themselves one, too." He would not, on the other hand, refrain from stitching up one of the myriad friends, unless it would prejudice the flow of informa-tion, "You have to ask yourself, 'What's the point of shafting a regular provider of first-class information for the sake of one story, when they could be helpful and useful for another 15 years?"

Over the years, Dempster has noted with irritation that his patch has been well and truly invaded. "When I started in newspapers," he reminisces with a sigh, "gossip was in the gossip columns. Now it's on page one, it's on page 100, it's everywhere. There's sporting gossip, political gossip columns, there's even gossip about estate agencies. The thing that I helped to evolve - well, everything's a gossip column now." Do people still get indignant about appearing in diaries, or has society evolved heyond that? "I don't believe there are things that upset people any more - as with oil spillages, people have got used to them. I'm writing pretty much as I did hefore. But people's thresholds of what's good and bad hehaviour do change. Like when Gerald Ronson came out of prison and was photographed shaking hands with the Queen Mother, one of the papers ran a headline saying. 'Have You No Shame?'. The answer is, there is no shame these days."

I leave, shaking my head sadly over the iniquities of the world. Mr Dempster, the man with a thousand friends whose usefulness provide him with an expensive livelihood and a gloopy magazine in his name and his image, is on the phone again. He is arranging to talk to Good Morning America next day and this is a pre-talk hriefing. He waves goodhye and his voice settles into the familiar, burnished array of certitudes: "No, she's quite entitled to make these statements on her own, she doesn't have to ask Buckingham Palace. She can do what she wants. Although living almost next door to her at Kensington Palace is her sister Jane, who's married to the Prince's secretary, Robert, Bertie Fellowes. Yes she'll keep the Palace. And the children, of course. But she's

Hot little collectables

Howard Hodgson liked Ronson lighters so much that he bought the company. By John Windsor

bels or postage stamps. Ronson lighters were recently treated to a lighter were recently treated to a lighter. champagne and ballyhoo revival at the Bibendum Oyster Bar in London's Fulham Road.

Richard Branson was there, together with a bevy of page three girlies and Howard Hodgson, the 46-year-old entrepreneur who snapped up the run-down Ronson brand for £10m two years ago. He had pocketed £7.5m from the safe of his share in the funeral company he built up. You would have to bid at least £80m to part him from

Ronson today

At the Bibendum bash there was a shortage of stuffy old collecting types

– unless you count myself and Eric Knowles, veteran of television's Antugues Road Show. He will be staging Ronson roadshows this month in Cardiff, Bristol, Glasgow, Manchester and Binningham, on behalf of the company. The quest is for the most poignant pieces of Ronson memorabilia, for which British Airways is offering prizes of up to £10,000.

As you search your attic for old Ronson lighters - the value of the scarcest could equal the £10,000 prize money - you might wonder whether the collecting world has gone bonkers. Not at all. The champagne, hired jugglers, flashes of cleavage and the celobtation of a spurious Ronson centenary were resolutely commercial. Ronson lighters, like Swatch watch-

es and Moni Blane pens, become collectables as soon as they leave the shop. Which is only Mr Hodgson has spent £200,000 building a collection of 100 of the firm's most historic lighters. Dunhill, famously, has already done the same. Collectability confers prestige. Prestige confers profits. So the Ronson revival pays homage to col-

Larry Tolkin, owner of America's biggest collection of lighters - including 2.500 Ronsons - is far from bonkers. His psychiatrist has encour-aged him in his decision to have his collection put away in store so that he can spend more time with his wife and nine-month-old twins in their Manhattan apartment. Two or three times a week he thumbs through six albums, each containing 100 photographs of his beloved lighters. "I used to go un-tiqueing every weekend." he told me. but I felt relieved when I put the collection in store. I don't need to touch them all the time like some collectors do."Among the rare classics that Mr. Tolkin has sold to the Ronson collection are: for \$650 a Penguin Pikacig table lighter from 1934, for \$800 a neart-sn i pocket lighter of 1937. and for \$250 each, two rare 1935 chromium-plated table lightersin the

form of an elephant and a bull. Mr Hodgson is too shrewd to he tempted to buy the entire Tolkin collection: "I'm very reticent about spending shareholders' money in that way," he told me, "I'm stire we could sell the collection on at a profit but I'm not in the antiques business. I aim to turn Ronson into an accessible brand not only of lighters but of othor male grooming products - watches, pens, shavers, etc." He has

The most timely bonus in the Ronson collectables revival is the Art Deco craze. Up-market Dunhill may have the hand-tooling, but Ronson has the Deco flair. Pre-war female Deco figures in the manner of Zach, Preiss and Chiparus command big prices. The Californian Urban K Cummings. author of the definitive Ronson lighter guide, told me he had seen a Ronson Egyptian girl table lighter with a \$2,000 tag at a recent collectors convention in Los Angeles. Even in this country, one could fetch £1,200. The

Ronson collection has one.

Mr Cummings knows of three copies of Ronson's legendary Charlie Chaplin table lighter of 1920. One is in his safe deposit. None are known in Britain. This is the model that could in Britain. This is the model that could bring £10.000 if offered internationally. The Americans have an estimated 1.700 lighter-collecting club members and the Japanese and Italians are

avid buyers. So if your anic happens to yield half a dozen Egyptian girls and half a dozen Charlie Chaplins you are in for a bonunza. Table lighters are generally worth more than pocket lighters. But do not raise your hopes if you have common table models such as the evalshaped Queen Anne, whose production peaked at 15,000 a week hetween 1936 and 1959. They change hands for a fiver or less.

The Lighter Club of Great Britain has only 200 members, but the hobby is strong enough here to support mail order catalogues and five dealers at Bermondsey's Friday morning market. One of them, Tom Clarke, makes four trading expeditions to the United States and four to Europe

every year.
Will Mr Hodgson's revival send prices through the roof? For rarities. yes. But prices of run-of-the-mill lighters will probably go down. Publicity will increase demand, but there will probably be an avalanche of ordinary lighters on to the market that will more than satisfy it.

According to Mr Knowles: "This market is in its infancy. Lighters will always be sold among collectors, but the hig test will he how they fare at a dedicated auction in the open market." Ronson plans an auctinn in August. Bonhams, of which Mr Knowles is a director, is pitching strongly to be the auc-

Ronson Roadshows at British Airways Travel Shops (10am-4pm): Cardiff 6 March, Bristol 7 March Glasgow 25 March, Manchester 26 March, Birmingham 27 March (0171-630 1411). "Runson, the World's Greatest Lighter: Wick Lighters 1913-1966", by Urban K Cummings, last 250 copies, hardbound, \$79 plus p&p \$7 pr \$24 airmail (001-415-3280329). Tom Clarke, dealer: Bermondsey market Fridays 6am-12 noon, Portobello market Saturdays 7am-3pm. Lighter Club of Great Britain: Richard Ball, 351a, Whitehorse Road, Croydan, Surrey CRO 2HS.



Top: Howard Hodgson with part of the Ronson collection. Above: a rare 1936 bartender lighter. Right: one of the legendary 1920 Charlie Chaplin lighters, worth about £10,000. So far none of them have turned up in UK attics







[may be in my seventies my exact age is top secret - but with the Rotary Club Inner Wheel (the club for wives of Rotarians) coffee mornings and Conservative Ladics' Association luncheons I don't have much time, so I only work Tuesday afternoons. I've always done some sort of charity work. I was a League of Friends Hostess at Shrewsbury Hospital for years and John my husband - is very involved with the Spastics Society.

Ruth, our head lady, is very fussy about till errors and cheques. She's always leaving notes on the wall about new rules. We have a very modern till which took me ages to learn how to use. I'd fap in £1 and it would say £10,000. You're not supposed to keep the door open, but when there are lots of people and lots of clothes, you can get a terrible. clothes, you can get a terrible fuggy smell. "Someone could pinch something," says Ruth. "Yes, dear," I say, watch her leave and then open the door. Joyce and I sometimes go around the whole shop with

the Haze spray.

It's amazing the different sorts of people we get in. Odd types with strange things through their noses and funny old people who shuffle around. There is one lovely lady with a big red puffy face who always buys huge shirts for her

Mid-afternoon; one of the girls (I say that, but the youngest is in her forties) will get out some biscuits and we'll have a break and a chat in the back, where the clothes get sorted and a dear old lady does nothing but iron.

I've taken a lot of stuff into the shop recently. Our house is up for sale and I'm sorting through the attic. All my knick-knacks go immediately, but I've stopped taking clothes - Christine's lovely wedding onifit with matching shoes and bat which everyone said was in no time at all hung around for ages. I saw one person just shove it on and off. I couldn't bear it. My lovely evening frock ended up in the 60p bargain

Before closing the girls get the carpet sweepers out. I don't know who on earth vacuums because we certainly don't. I see myself working in the shop for a good few years yet. I enjoy meeting the customers - some of the men are so nice; and I love being with the girls. We may not be on the High Street or have the double windows of Oxfam, but I think we do our bit."

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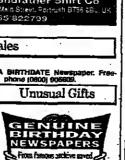
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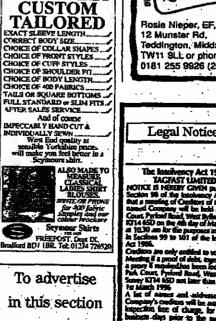


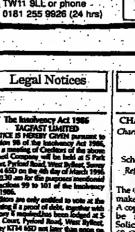


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Is it some sort of identity crisis? Why else would a grown man want to festoon his person with the alphabet?

By Louise Levene

knew why. Quite what picture her mother had formed of the rough and tumble of kindergarten life was never spelled out but, whatever happened, Deirdre was prepared. The same mystery surrounds the monogramming habit. What do people imagine is going to happen to their pillow cases? Even for the tiny handful of starch oneens who send their laundry out, the monogram serves no practical function: laundries mark dirty linen with their own system of cabalistic signs; your but-ton-downs are not being sorted by the any-three-initials you paid £3.50 to have stitched on to the breast pocket.

He climbs out of his BMW (numberplate ESN 1) strolls to-wards you, combination locked dery a prohibitively expensive (numberplate ESN 1) strolls tobriefcase in hand, the tooling of his maximum-three-initial monogram glinting in the spotlights of the hotel lobhy. On his pinkie a two initial ring, at each cuff sonalisation. Suddenly a bog-monogrammed links, his shirt standard catalogue purchase pocket emblazoned with the now familiar logo. Is it some sort of grown man want to festoon his monogramming is confirmed by person with the alphabet? Perhaps in the hope that the handy for it. Her wedding dress, you may memory of a previous meeting. Perhaps be can't remember his S on the hum.

Monogramming is now available in every catalogue you open but has its roots in an older, far more aristocratic tradition in which plate and linen would be branded with some device to prevent theft and speed up the audit should any of the gear ever pass out of the family at weddings and funerals. It aided identification during the extended family wash and saved squabbles at inns or bouse parties - travelling without one's own bed linen in the 18th century was unthinkable. Such monogramming still persists in aristocratic establishments where coronets hover grandly over the initials. Unlike the bottom-drawer tradition of the middie-class trousseau, aristocratic linen usually passes through the male line. Should the toff in question marry again the needle-

elanie Eastwick bad woman faced the thankless task nametapes in her of unpicking her work and stitch-knickers. No one mg in the new wife's initials - and you wonder why they're all called Caroline. Middle-class monograms were solely to aid in sort-

ing laundry.

Wendy Hefford, deputy curator of Textiles and Dress at the V&A calls attention to The Workwoman's Guide of 1840, which recommends the owner's initials followed by the code B for Best, F for Family and S for Servants. Ornamental white work was origmally reserved for things that would show, like handkerchiefs, but by the end of the 19th century there was a vogue for larger, more elaborate displays,

The marking of linen bad fall-en out of favour by the middle of this century, when needlework teaching was in decline and high luxury. The development of new technology made machine monogramming quick and easy and led to a revival in the practice of per-sonalisation. Suddenly a bogcould be given that special some-thing by the addition of a few inchidentity crisis? Why else would a es of satin stitch. The naffness of mnemonic will awaken in you the remember, sported a gigantic Fussell, author of the Wasp-ish hand-beaded A entwined with an

Outside what Liz Elvin of the Royal School of Needlework affectionately dubs "The Households" there is little call for hand sewn work, although the school will still do it - at a price: three inch-high initials will set you back £60. Back in the 1920s they did all the Queen Mother's trousseau. No doubt should her knickers ever be knocked down at auction they will be identified by the stitchwork - the only reliable means of identifying the many pairs of Queen Victoria's drawers that find their way into the salerooms.

Machine embroidery has deprived the monogram of its cachet. The White House, the London Jinen specialist, feels that the whole business has become rather declassé. "It's not frightfully English. It's now considered not quite the thing. I think the Americans have rather done it in."



tialled brie-a-brae is almost insatiable. Opinion is divided on the social status of the monogram in the US. Lisa Birnbach, author of The Preppic Handbook, claimed that it was good news but Paul and snobby Caste Marks felt that all visible lettering is a sign of lower-class insecurity. The desperate need to personalise everyday objects, he argues, springs from a misguided attempt to ape the upper classes.

In fact, even the Americans aren't as keen as they were, with only 15 per cent of the White House's transatlantic trade requesting the full personal treatment. Or maybe they just begrudge spending £10 for each letter done by a hand-driven machine. The new generation of sewing machines do it far more cheaply and can run off a few letters in seconds. With the serious machines you can programme in a crest and initials of baroque complexity and have it

stored for future use. Eximious, a Belgravia boutique, gives linens a wide berth -"It's so non-U to have monograms on shirts": a helief confirmed by the fact that Johnny Bryan sports £1,800.

- but will gladly slap your name on anything from a champagne stopper to a coathanger. Their speciality is the christening and wedding present market - and very lucrative it is, too. Their to five million. Eximious proves once and for all the exact social status of monogramming; it has a royal warrant from the Prince of Wales. Charles apparently likes to have his luggage gold blocked, Why? In case it gets lost and ends up in Kamchi? Mind you, it might enhance the resale value. Indeed, if Fergie has had the forethought to have her trousseau monogrammed she might just be

Doing it yourself:

able to pay off the overdraft.

John Lewis sells sewing machines that monogram. The New Home Memorycraft 4000 has a pre-set alphabet and costs £775. More sophisticated machines can be programmed with any design if you buy a scanner (around £500): Elna Envision £1,550

Needlework (0181-943 1432) offers courses ranging from a day to a year in length. A day's needlework lesson costs £36 The Dover Bookshop, 18

(0171-836 211) sells books of decorative monograms.

Harrods will engrave jewellery, lighters and crystal at a rate of £12.50 for two initials. Towels and linens can be mono-grammed in three weeks; £6.50 for three one-inch initials.

Eximious, 10 West Halkin Street. London SW1 (0171-235 7828). Supplies anything and everything that is monogrammed, for example three children's beechwood coathangers with name on, £19.50, a leather chewing-gum holdar, £13, or a silver champagne stopper with one initial, £26.50.

The White House, New Bond Straet, London W1 (0171-629 3521). Hand-embroidered lawn handkerchiefs with one initial, £7.50.

years. He gives the impression that

this Bradford-based family busi-

ness has a certain modest pride in

its product. Started in the late For-

ues by Charles Brook, the business

evolved from his fish and chip

restaurant, the famous Seabrook

Fisheries, The name? The story

goes that Charles was picking up some holiday snaps on the Isle of

Man and they'd written Scabrook

instead of C Brook. Colin Brook the

son is now chairman: Richard the

grandson is joint managing director.

Grand-daughter Jane is financial

director (and married to a Mr-

Chrispin). In the past 30 years the

company has grown tenfold. There

All is not lost for us down South.



Good thing

Susan Lethbridge tapestries, £13.95

Most children's feature reddies and kinens in icky shades of pink and blue. Instead. Susan Lethridge does humorous designs of farm

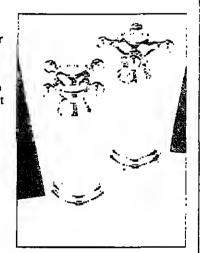


and jungle animals in bold colours. Our favourites were the cockerel (right) and a fat orang-utan eating a hanana. The stitch is ultra simple and at 12 stitches to the inch you can fill the space quickly. Make up the end product into a cushion with a wild gingham backing. Send for a catalogue to Susan Lethbridge Tapestry Designs, Honeymead, Simonsbath, Nr Minchead, Somerset TA24 7JN (0Jo4 383 1348)

Mad thing

Bath tap salt and pepper mills, £19.95 a pair

If conversation at your dinner parties is prone to dry up, these bath tap salt and pepper mills are guaranteed to supply at least another half a minute of lively conversation. Unserew the cold for salt, the hot for pepper. Mail order only from Gizmo & Widget, PO Box 3983, London SE22 ORO (0181-299 0891)



Checkout

Muji

Concept: Japanese minimalism, what the novelist Douglas Coupland defined in Generation X as "the most frequently offered interior design aesthetic used by rootless career-hopping young people". What Japanese minimalism means in practice is paying £2.75 for 20g of imported seaweed salad. Dinky packaging, though, rust-red on white, and with real Japanese writing, too!

Image: A Japanese Heals? Or an Oriental version of Woolworth's? They really should make up their minds. Stock: A few clothes (often in stereotypically small sizes): chi-chi stationery; Spartan hathroom-ware: and basic kitchen utensils, many of which are made of aluminum (don't mention the words "Alzheimer's disease" J. Upstairs there's an obligatory futon, but most of the other hits of furniture - and storage boxes - are made either of eardboard or MDF (medium-density fibreboard), which looks like varnished chipboard but costs about 17 times as much. MDF? MFI

more like. Customers: On the afternoon we went, they seemed to consist of polo-necked Europeans, looking like extras from the latest Kieslowski film, and one distinctly puzzled looking Japanese tourist. Surely his yen should have got him more soap to the pound than this (three bars cost £2.60, reduced from £3.9512

Best huys: Muji cola - a talking point in your fridge for just 45p. "Their underwear's very good," a female friend advises. Worst buy: 50 grammes of dried veg (£2.75). The Muji game: Every so often Muji neglects to label a

product in English. Is it a Zen paper clip? A ramen stirrer? An implement to remove stones from Japanese horses' hooves? Questions like these offer hours of fun for all the

Where can I find one?: Muji has branches in London, on Shelton Street, Kensington High Street and Carnaby Street, and in Glasgow. It also has concessions in Liberty stores. For further information call head office on 494 1197



AUCTIONS

following the revelation here last week that 666, the Biblical num-ber of the Beast, had been and Vehicle Licensing Agency, two drivers have reported to me - with a degree of horror that can only he guessed at - that their cars bear the devilish digits. Nadia Dean of South Woodford, London, has G666 WMH and Ken Parkin of Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, has FRC

Very likely, says the DVLA Before the prohibition of 666 in 1991, fate was free to bestow the code number of the Beast on hapless new vehicles as it chose. The number's new availability is exclusively through the DVLA's telesales and auctions. It is still never routinely assigned to new

The DVLA has a bulging file of pleas by pre-1991 motorists to rid them of the baleful influence of berplates. Some complained that £30,000-£40,000 it fetched £82,500 the sight of 666 appeared to provoke other motorists to bump same salernom in May 1990. Those into them, others that it was ruin- were the days. ing them. My business problems have become extremely seri-

ous," wrote one, "and may result in closure. This after 25 years trading will you please allow dispensation for a change of num-

Whitefrians glass prices, tipped to "go mad" on this page last week, made a predictably loony start at Sotheby's sale last Monday. A lot of seven modern faceted Whitefriars paperweights, estimated £250released for sale to numberplate buffs by the Government's Driver soared to £1,438. The next lot, eight modern millefiore Whitefriars paperweights with the same estimate, made £943.

> New names are always welcome in the depressed modern pictures market. The cover of Sotheby's catalogue for Wednesday's mid-season modern Brit and Irish sale (10.30am) shows the young Mick Rooney's Seaside Cafe of 1992. (£10,000-£15,000), a fly-on-ceiling view of an old woman in a flowerdecked straw hat sitting at a bright vellow Formica table as a waiter drops a plate in the swirlingly hysterical interior. Rooney's work is seldom seen at auction. William Roberts's Fifties painting The Birth of Venus - buxom blonde nude appears before sunburnt fishermen - is a face we have seen somewhere before. Now estimated at

> > John Windsor

The best crisps in the world

By Gina Cowen

few of weeks ago my muni and I were driving up to Scotland to visit some relatives we'd never met. That we never even knew we had Discovered by complete chance during a phone conversation with a listed huildings planning officer on behalf of a Polish friend who was thinking of huying some remote Scottish cottage. The guy

turned out to be my second cousin. On the way up it was only by complete chance that I bought a packet of Seahrook crisps. Stopping off to fill the car just south of Gretna Green I wanted a sandwich. The selection was very sad. I picked up a packet of crisps instead. Spring Onion. Seabrook. Never heard of them, but a nice packet. A Forties design. No lurid colour clashes. No lure of an instant £10,000. Just a packet of crisps. We shared it. my mother handing me crisps while I drove. They lasted about 15 seconds. I suggested we might go back for another couple of packets but a) you can't U-turn on a motorway and h) Mum said "Darling!"

They were the best crisps I'd ever eaten. Previous affairs (with Walkers and Kettles) were over. I kept a surreptitious but unsuccessful Seabrook alert on our short visit to But London? Our loss. Scotland, and then contrived a stop

on the way down just south of the has been with the company for 25 border. There we were directly opposite the first station. But the station on our side didn't stock Seabrook crisps. This overwhelming urge came over mc. As I don't normally risk my life for under 30p I ran across the motorway and bought 25 packets and then ran back. My mother had gone white.

They are crisp, of course. Crinkle cut and sprinkled with sea salt. Thin but not water thin. On the packet it says "more than a snack". I think this is because you end up eating about 10 packets. They come in 17 flavours: Original (ie. sea salted), Cheese and Onion. Salt and Vinegar, Prawn Cocktail, Spring Onion, Beef, Smokey Bacon, Canadian Ham, Cheesey, Cream Cheese and Chives. Gartic & Herb, Indian Tandoori, Mexican Chilli, Pickled Onion, Roast Chicken, Tomato Sauce, Worcester Sauce, My favourite are Original, followed by Spring Onion, Smokey Bacon and anadian Ham.

Seabrook are available from the Scottish border to the north Midlands. You can find them in parts of East Anglia, the South Coast, the West Country and Central Scotland.

are now two ultra-equipped factories in Brudford, and at Allerton and Princeville.

Mr Harrison has a mail order book. For £11.03 (incl. p&p; call 01274 546405) you can order a box of 48 packets of any flavour or any mix, That's about 22p a packer. Delivered to your door. "A bit unorthodox" he confesses. Bless you, Mr Harrison, I mentioned this exciting new discovery to a friend who had gone to school up North. She said: Seahrook? But of course. The Jack Harrison the sales director hest crisps in the world."

NO SOFT DRINK



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t is 11pm at the Groucho Club party to celebrate John Rocha's catwalk triumph at London Fashion Week, I am cornered. somewhere between Van Morrison and Boy George. by Elaine, a drunken stylist from Marie Claire, "Boy George. He really should change his name to... um... Boy Pork. Look at him. Talk about fat. Who the hell dresses him anyway?"

Voyage, she slurs. Comme des Garçons. That's what he should be

Maybe he dresses him-

self." I suggest. Believe me. sweetheart, says Elaine. "One doesn't dress oneself at a John Rocha party. You approach designers, you think about it, you get advice.

So what does one wear at a John Rocha party?" I

replies. "It is considered

Pretty soon, Van Morrison and Boy George do a song, which, unfortunately, neither of them know. in tribute to John Rocha, It gets a big cheer, as one would expect, especially as everything tonight is get-ting a hig cheer. When John Rocha walks in, he gets a big cheer. He gets a hig cheer when he sits down, When somehody says: "Ladies and gentlemen - John Rocha!" he gets another hig cheer. When he says: "Thank

you," he gets a huge cheer. We are all thrilled, especially John Rocha, who says: "I'm thrilled!" and everybody cheers, It would he easy to make friends do is holler: "John Rocha!"



into fashionable society. "That's Van Morrison."

whispers the lady in front of me queueing for the har. And the whispers go frontwards and backwards, and prefty soon the whole queue is jahbering ahout nothing else. Van Morrison is at the back of the queue. waiting for a drink and together we are united in our combined quest to have a drink.

This moment of harmonious rapture lasts exactly 30 seconds, at which time Van Morrison storms ele-"John Rocha," she gantly through the throng right as a personage of celehrity - and takes his place at the front of the queue. We allow it. of course; we grin and part. There is absolutely no doubt in anyone's mind that Van Morrison deserves to go to have a drink before us. He is, after all, Van Morrison.

And then, a moment later, the spell is broken. "Did vou see what that hastard just did?" mutters the lady in front of me. "What a bastard," replies

someone else. "Who does he think he is? "It's only Van Morrison, for God's sake," says

Bastard," we all agree. And then Van Morrison tonight - all you'd have to emerges from the front of the queue, elegantly. and you would immedi- clutching a drink, and we ately he wholeheartedly all smile ingratiatingly.

If we are to confer a gift on future generations, it should be something bold but practical

f an earthquake were to engulf England tomorrow." the popular Victorian author Douglas Jerrold once wrote, "the English would manage to meet and dine somewhere among the rubbish, just to celebrate the event." Jerrold was making fun of the Victorian passion for juhilee and jamhoree. a commitment to civic festivities that has bequeathed to us endless photogravures of top-hatted dignitaries taking a 14-course meal in the Greenwich Foot Tunnel or inside the western tower of the Saltash suspension bridge. For Jerrold the British displayed a sort of national genius for commemoration, however inappropriate or temporary the object of their celebration. But we have lost the knack, it seems. Simon Jenkins, who is one of the Millennium Commissioners, the body responsible for dispensing some £1.6bn of lottery funds, has reportedly expressed disappointment at the unimaginative nature of most of the bids he and his colleagues are receiving.

I will confess myself to having a small fantasy about the millennium. one hased on the equally illogical glee with which children wait for the mileometer in a car to tick over from 9,999 miles to 10,000. Like the millennium, this event is purely numerological - the mile that succeeds is exactly the same as the mile before it, the inside of the car just as tedious as it was before. And yet the chorus line of numbers seems to mark a moment of significance, to offer a reprieve from boredom. In my recollection of this experience, crystallisation of Victorian engi-



though, we almost always missed the transition - we would be warned that it was on its way, stare dutifully at the tumbling succession of digits and then be distracted by something more interesting out of the window. When we remembered to check again it always seemed to have moved on, to 10,002. My occasional daydream is that the same might happen with the millennium. that the current frenzy of anticipation will give way to boredom and that half-way through 2002 some-one will say, "Oh no! We missed it!"

It won't happen, naturally, which means that we have to address ourselves to the question of how best to extract value for money from the huge sums to be spent on celebration. And it seems to me that any decent scheme must sit on one of two extremes - it must itself be millenarian in its ambitions, aiming at a durability measured in hundreds of years, or it must be determinedly transitory, an event designed to have a firework's lifespan, but to leave a glowing after-image in the mind's eye. The Crystal Palace provides an interesting case history in this respect - a prodigious achievement of Victorian technology which lived beyond its designed lifespan.

neering confidence – a building of such imaginative audacity that it forced new building techniques to be developed. But it was not intended by its creator as a permanent huilding. The ingenious and efficient guttering, for instance, which carried away rainwater and internal condensation, was made out of oak -a fact that contributed to the building's final immolation. But without that fire the legacy of the Crystal Palace would be very different - an embarrassment in Sydenham rather than the most glorious glasshouse ever. There are few things more bleak than a pavilion that has outlived its purpose.
Go and look at the Alexandra Palace if you doubt it. .

The lesson that the Crystal Palace teaches is that permanent memori-als must be flexible, must be able to bend themselves to changes in use and reverence. There is a scheme that already exists which meets all the necessary criteria. It is bold hut practical and would leave a durable egacy. This is Richard Rogers's plan (already worked out in considerable detail) to transform the banks of the Thames by burying the traffic of the Emhankment beneath a park and stitching the two sides of the river together with new hridges. If we are to confer a gift on succeeding generations it should be something like this, not one that will grow old to embarrass them but one that will simply grow.

At the other extreme, that of exuberant hut temporary joy, there is already a private scheme well advanced - the proposal for a Mil-



Walking on ice: a 17th-century pleasure

Mary Evans Picture Library

lennium wheel on the South Bank of the river. But I would like to propose another - one that draws its nspiration from the most tantalising of historical jubilees. London should have another ice-fair should intoxicate itself with the marvel of walking on water, a pleasure provided for free in the 17th century, when the combination of icy winters and restricted flow through London Bridge allowed

the Thames to freeze over and carnival to spill out of narrow streets. These days we couldn't rely on nature to do the freezing - but the obvious site is perfectly placed -Miliwall Outer and Inner Dock, at the heart of the Greenwich site, perfectly served by the London Docklands Railway. Best of all, when the celebrations were finished it would melt away, leaving no trace but a memory of delight.



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reviews

THEATRE The Ends of the Earth, Cottesloe, London

Your baby daughter is ence might diagnose as the Balkan people seems to gravely ill and you, a Daniel's chief problem, be dramatised principally the trouble with this to illustrate to Daniel the believe that you can save her life by forswearing fags. That's the fraught, fable-like situation facing the protag-onist of David Lan's new An English geologist at work on the construction of a dam in an unnamed Balkan state, Daniel (Michael Sheen) has started to crack up badly. His wife (Samantha Bond) has had to leave her sick baby and fly out to persuade him to come home. He's informed that there's an old wise man who wants to help him; their encounter ends with the injunction against smoking.

There's a compelling novel by Brian Moore called Cold Heaven in. which the heroine is landed with a similar plight. The husband she was just about to leave becomes dependent on her agreeing to play Bernadette to recurrent apparitions of the Virgin Mary. It's a more awkwardly intimate and intense sacrifice that is demanded here, one nicely calculated not to alleviate the selfobsession that the audi-

foremost, loving, grievously it's from this anxiety that all the self-referring guilt and . festering introspection springs. The baby, however, is so impalpable a presence in either the piece or in Andrei Serban's otherwise tremendous traverse production that you begin to think she's wholly a projection of her parents' problems rather than a human being in her own right. She exists only to the extent that. she can be used to set up the facile irony that it's her

father who is really sick. The same is largely true of the civil strife we witness between the Balkan mountain people and the valley people. Daniel's dam has exacerbated this, since the water will cause dispossession and will flood the site of an historic battle. Just as the question of the baby's life is subordinated to her father's existential pilgrimage, so the predicament of

often eripping piece is its contradictions and comm-failure to establish a strong drums of responsibility. It enough sense that the cen- also steers the play into holtral couple are, first and low melodrama. In the worst scene, Daniel is forced life of a captured beaten man. "They killed my sons! Your daughter is alive. Why should yours live and mine die?" cries the perpetrator of the situation. At such moments, the play seems to have all the human interest of an algebraic equation. Samantha Bond, as the

wife, copes heroically with some pretty ungrateful dialogue: "My darling, my sweet, the man I care about and love, really love, adore. I'm your friend." And Michael Sbeen hrings a wonderful end-of-the-tether intensity to Daniel, making him a complex, driven creature who, you feel, deserves a better fate than simply to learn the banal lesson that nobody can give you the answers, you have to find them for yourself. In rep. Booking:

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Paul Taylor

TELEVISION TFI Friday, (Channel 4)

programme that names the day in its title adver-Trises the mood it is aiming for. See First Tuesday or Saturday Night Live. TFI Friday's saucy mitials - F stands for Four, honestly-capture the spirit of devil-may-care that comes over us all on Poets Day (Push Off Early - Tomorrow's Saturday, m case you're wondering). What makes it quintessentially a Friday product, even though it's not a programme about horticulture, is the fact that it is unavailable for advance viewing, and there-

fore for review. More programmes go. out live on a Friday, or are recorded very close to. transmission, than any other evening of the week. This is something for the weekend night, when the dissemination of langhter is ness. But in an ever more competitive market comedians are like the building societies that all edgily set identical interest rates nobody likes to appear at a like a brontosaurus over disadvantage, so they all the horizon. "No, better

Gag Tag, an entertainment cheerfully, almost heroically, impervious to topi-cality. Plainly, it must have been recorded in the past five years, hecause there was a joke last night about John Major, but the only other PM joke referred to Harold Wilson, who left office 20 years ago. This being the last in the current series, presumably we'll have to wait for the

Disraeli gags.
You can tell it's from the old school because traditional comedy's selfdefence mechanism has always been to deplore the: weakness of its own jokes before anyone else can. Quizmaster Bob Monkhouse did a running joke about the awfulness of his guests that went closer to the bone than it intended. "Let's take a hutcher's at our comedians," he said at about people who chew conthe start, and you could see doms. There's no accountthe punchline lumbering

have to be up to the minute. idea: let's take our come-The notable exception is dians to the hutcher's." young comedians and old is

a bid to argue that the alternative revolution was just a violent blip. The seconddivision performers certainly deliver a watertight case - the young pretenders are just as afflicted by gag sag as the old guard.

There were two moments

of genuine wit - once when Eddie Large suggested a line you would never hear in a hospital: "There's a waiting list, your Highness." alarmingly like John Prescott, and just this once he sounded like him, too. And Phill Jupitus, trying to paraphrase The Silence of the Lambs, came up with Blimey, the livestock isn't making a lot of noise." The. livestock in the audience loved that one, but not as much as Monkhouse's joke









Boys and girls came out to play

Once upon a time there were no teenagers. Then JD Salinger, James Dean and Elvis Presley appeared in the fall-out from the birth of the Atomic Age. As a cross-media festival of 'The Fifties' runs over coming weeks in several cities, Michael Bracewell explores the origins of youth culture

leep tight ya morons!" So Holden Caulfield, the teen hero of ID Salinger's The Caucher in the Rive, bids farewell to his schooling at Pencey Prep and invents the teenager as a type within literary fiction. When we link Salinger with Elvis Presley and limmy Dean as the Elvis Presley and Jimmy Dean as the founding trinity of teenage rebellion in America, we tend to forget that The which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between "exploitation films" and social realism, which was blurred to sensational effect to the first line between the fir Catcher in the Rive was published in serial form between 1945 and 1946 – 10 years before Rebel Without a Cause ground being the best example), Anderrocketed Dean to stardom and Elvis son's portrait of a teenage anarchist had his first hit with "Heartbreak shares Holden's background of Hotel". In this much, Caulfield was a voice ahead of his time, making his first appearance at the same time Bogart terms, can be seen as a transaction of landary terms, can be seen as a transaction of landary terms. was immortalising Chandler's Philip
Marlowe in The Big Sleep.

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teenagers - in a cultural sense - when sophisticated, with adultery, doubledealing and dinner jackets vying for prominence as the emblems of glamour. Twenty years earlier, in Tales of the Jazz Age, F Scott Fitzgerald had created a teenage character called Basil Lee whose initial response to the strain of being unpopular at private school had been to fantasise a role for himself as an aristocratic secret agent in the international high society of New York. Basil's teenage revolution had been utterly divorced from adult reality—a premonition of film noir as pure fairy-tale. Holden, on the other hand, was wholly modern, crashing down the barriers between innocence and experience with no more than a shrug and a yawn - which made him all the more shocking. Holden was wise beyond his years, and it would take the best part of a decade for the youth of America to catch up with his ground-

Placed in the broader picture, we can really took off as a publishing sensation see how Salinger's bero was turning his of the early 1950s, Salinger was the relucback on adolescent conformity just as the tant celebrity author who had shaped the United States Air Force was dropping torically, he is the first teenage witness novel before The Catcher in the Rye had of the Atomic Age, finding his formative maturity in a period that was as critical as the one Henry James had experienced and described in 1913. Spiritually, the world was a harder place to believe in. By 1946, just as the new epoch of sharkfinned Cadillacs, chrome trimmings and domestic technology was waiting to remain a feature of delinquency films begin, so another era - as antiquated, by comparison, as Scott Fitzgerald's high society - was coming to an end. And it is out of the collision of these two distinct phases in history that the teenager. with protest on his mind, finally emerges.

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We can see how Salinger caught the wave of change and embodied its force in Caulfield when we consider Salinger's education in relation to that of his fictional representative. Salinger attended the Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania - a manly, anti-intellectual, but expensive private school at which one was force-fed the rugged virtues of patriotism and the pioneer spirit. As with

in British and American delinquency films in the late 1950s (Violent Playguage and attitude between the hitherto silenced "working class" and the newly

Like Holden, Salinger was ambiva-Salinger created his adolescent hero of lent about the old Episcopalian and angst and ennui; there were boys and military traditions of his alma mater, girls who had no more connection with the adult world than high schools had with a speakeasy. And that adult world was still being presented, for the most part, as a mixture of the lurid and the world of Valley Porge had hit the rocks part, as a mixture of the lurid and the world of Valley Porge had hit the rocks part, as a mixture of the lurid and the world of Valley Porge had hit the rocks part, as a mixture of the lurid and the ster with his eyes half open had to see right through its archaic pretensions. In a neat twist of irony, Salinger's co-rev-olutionary in American fiction of the post-war period, William S Burroughs, had attended a similarly rugged and exclusive school at Los Alamos, Santa Fe, which was requisitioned under the War Powers Act of 1943 to become the isolated research centre for the very atomic bomb that was dropped on Japan in 1945. The film-maker John Waters, whose brilliantly observed comedies of teenage life in Baltimore in the 1950s do much to define the founding philosophy of teenagers, makes Atomic Age paranoia a central feature of the antagonism between the younger and the older generations. With teenagers, it could be said, the bomb was a social metaphor as much as a political reality, and vice versa. By the time The Catcher in the Rye

teenager as a tragicomic outlaw on the spoken directly to its readers in the true woice and slang of youth. In cinema, too, teenagers had been quaint guttersnipes - as in 1938's Angels with Dirty Faces whose protest was moralised as a naughtiness that could be tamed by patriarchal authority. And, while moralising would and fiction in the 1950s (with Britain producing such hilarious examples of the genre as Cosh Boy, where the moralising, typically, was the excuse for the coshing), Salinger's first teenager admits no morality other than his own, and relies on his own language to describe it. The Catcher in the Rve, from its laconic opening sentence ("...all that David Copperfield kind of crap..."), was both easy to read and wholly authentic in tone. thus linking it, in terms of literary style, to teenage best-sellers from Richard Allen's Skinhead books to the whackedout argot of Brett Easton Ellis or even the phonetic Edinburgh tones of sensitivity as The Catcher in the Rye. Jim

REBEL WARNER BROS' CHALLENGING DRAMA OF TODAY'S TEENAGE VIOLENCE! (C.I.) S.E. the bad boy from a good family

Trainspotting. Swearing and conversa-tional shorthand came as naturally to Salinger as nightingales did to Keats.

It is interesting to note that this ease of style, establishing the teenager's need for authenticity and sincerity, was the result of meticulous revision and Flaubertian attention to craft on the part of Salinger. This was no automatic writing, or proto-Beat transcription of everyday speech; each sentence in the ned to suit the nuance of its scene and the intoxicating charm of the whole. And it hadn't been done before. To a potentially massive readership of potential teenagers, The Catcher in the Rye spoke to them in their own language, seducing them into its philosophy of mistrust, rebellion and selfreliance. This was a device that would be used to darker effect in 1962, when Burgess penned A Clockwork Orange

in the cool slang of nadsat. There is a very short step from the ethos of The Catcher in the Rye to the glamour of Jimmy Dean in Rebel Without a Cause. The original promononal poster for Rebel Without a Cause comes with a Salingeresque strap-line: "Jim Stark - a kid in the year 1955 - what makes him tick like a bomb?" The film's account of the gauche teenage outsider, finding his way through the minefield of small-town high-school society, pursnes the same sympathetic course between violent emotion and hyperStark, though less assured than Holden Caulfield, is a teenager by virtue of his search for sincerity and a voice he can call his own. Indeed, Stark's rejection of his father rehearses Kurt Cobain's lyric that "I always wanted a father but still 1 got a 'Dad'." As a teenage trait, the questioning of the family against a background of volatility and nervous was as poor as a white could be in the boredom creates characters who, when faced with the traditional rites of passooner not bother. teenage tenet, this will run and run, finding its way through SE Hinton's Rumblefish, to the "Generation X" fiction of Douglas Coupland.

Central, therefore, to the literature of teenage disaffection, is the iron curtain of apocalyptic dread (a sense that the world has already ended) and an opposition to the nuclear family. What is required, emononally and spiritually, is an older brother or a girl to believe in. True to the social and cultural suppression of women, however (even in the teenage revolution, girls were allotted strict roles as either swooning fans or blooming girlfriends), girls come secondbest to the sibling peer as brother and poet who can offer an escape from the world of "old people" which has grown precarious. Thus, what DB is to Holden Caulfield, as a near visionary poet brother, so The Motorcycle Boy is to Rusty James in Rumblefish. The elder brothers are martyrs for the teenage revolution, just as girlfriends can become

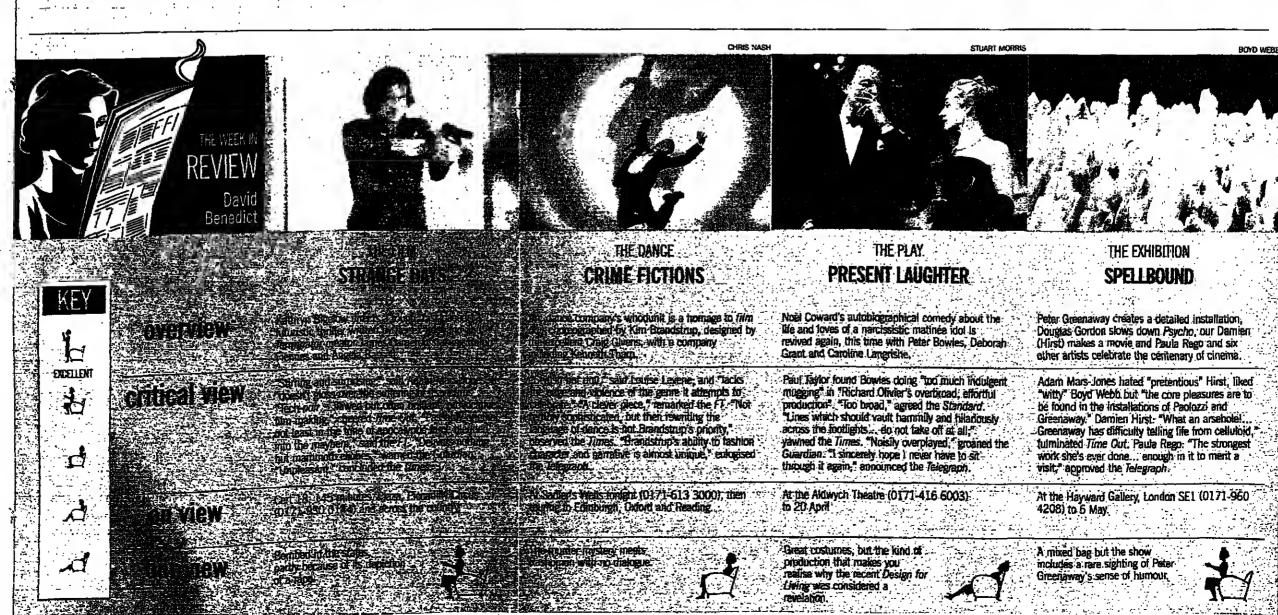
new Eves if the teenage rebellion can achieve its rock 'n' roll Eden.
With rock 'n' roll as the teenage

soundtrack, Elvis Presley could articulate youth instinctively, with none of the artistic labour required by Salinger or southern states of America. He learnt to sing from black choirs and white the cleanliness of white popular music to announce the exuberance and frustration of teenagers. There was nothing intellectual about Elvis (although, like Salinger and Dean, he later discovered comparative religion and eastern philosophy), and his embodiment of rock 'n' roll, as a fusion of black and white music, stormed the harricades of race and class in a way that The Catcher in the Rye - as a middle-class phenomenon - could never achieve. But Salinger, it could be argued, had given intellectual authority to what Dean and Presley would translate into the mainstream media of popular culture. A self-fuelling loop was created during the 1950s by the teenage trinity of Salinger, Presley and Dean that expressed the mood of the new Atomic Age youth. This loop would simply keep

on running, endlessly referring back to itself, for successive generations. In The Catcher in the Rve, through the voice and dismissive philosophy of 'A kid in the year 1955': James Dean as gauche teenage outsider in Rebel Without a Cause — violent emotion, hypersensitivity and an apocalyptic dread of the nuclear family Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

Holden Caulfield, we can hear echoes of Arthur Rimbaud's 19th-century teen revolt ("I am from heyond the grave, Really" - wrote Rimbaud in his Illumions - "And out of work ing of Fournier's Le Grand Meaulnes or Gide's Bernard Profitendieu. Teenagers had been around for a long time, but before The Catcher in the Rye they had lacked a defining personage that would captivate their audience and carry their message on a groundswell of unofficial revolution. Once found, the teenage voice would be laced with irreverence and humour, attempting to make an impossible marriage between nihilism and optimism. As Holden remarks in The Catcher in the Rve: "Anyway, I'm sort of glad they've got the atomic bomb invented. If there's ever another war, I'm going to sit right the hell on top of it. I'll volunteer for it, I swear to God I will."

> 'The Fifties' season runs to 21 April at venues in Birmingham, Cardiff and at the South Bank in London. Michael Bracewell will talk about 'The Invention of the Teenager' at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 (0171-928 8300) today, 7.30pm



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A humanist's holiday in Hell

John Mortimer offers a reader's guide to Dante's Inferno

ante's Inferno is a 14thcentury poem that seems alculated to cause the greatest possible pain to a 20th-century humanist, or to anyone who is attracted to Christianity because of its compassion and helief in the possibility of redemption. The God of the Interne has precious little compassion and no forgiveness. He was the God who not only jurned a blind eye to Belsen, but also exercised great ingenuity in constructing His own bloudchilling concentration camp. where sinners should suffer, not only during their brief lives, but

What is particular about Danie's God is that He consigns sinners to their particular circle in Hell according to an im-mutable tariff of offences, No attention is paid to mitigating circumstances, or the idea of doing justice to the individual soul before the Divine Court. Hell, in short, was made on exactly the lines that the present Home Secretary would wish to impose on our present sentencing system.

How do we reconcile the enjoyment of a great poem with what must seem, to many of us today, a repellent theology? Our own views may be best captured by Ulysses in his speech to his sailors. He celebrates the dignity of man and says: "You were not born to live as a mere brute does-But for the pursuit of knowledge and the good". But such sensible humanism is, apparently, no better than the excuses of the gluttons and the adulterers. Ulysses is condemned as a thiel

and must sutter in Hell. In an admirable Pretace to Robert Pinsky's translation, John Freecero deals with past attempts to enjoy the poem without revulsion. Coloridge advised us the poerry without accepting the theology. Erich Auerbach sug-

The Inferno of Dante translated by Robert Pinsky illustrated by Michael Mazur

gested we separate "Dante's didactic intent from his power of representation", and held that the reality of the condemned characters overwhelmed their allegorical meaning. Perhaps we should simply remember how Dante suffered from the ruthless power-seeking and political intrigue in Florence and take Hell as an accurate picture of

The Christian God of the early Renaissance is cruel and vindictive, but his victims and the pilgrim visitors are capable of tiner emotions. In the tifth Canto, and one of the poem's mosi beautiful passages. Francesca da Rimini, lover of her brother-in-law, Paolo, is found in the Circle of Incontinence, forever blown like a starling across a stormy sky, denied sleep or rest for ever, thrashed by the wind and calling harsh cries of agony. Francesca tells the poet that she and her lover read about Lancelot and Guin-evere, the great illicit lovers. and their eyes met and "they read no more that day".

Dante describes the moment when he hears Francesca's story, He is so overcome with pity for her that he falls down like a dead man. Later he finds his kind old tutor Brunetto Latini tormented among the Sodomites, condemned to burn for a hundred years if he takes a second's rest. "Might I have had my will." Dante says, "You would not have been thrust apart from human life." Perhaps one moral

mankind usually comes out best. This extraordinary poem, in which Danie's contemporaries. friends and enemies, together with such legendary and histor-ical figures as Dido. Theseus. Odysseus and Brutus, suffer the ingenious forments of the damned, has been much translated. The main problem has been what to do with Danie's terca rima, an infernally ingenious has musically effective rhyme-scheme which calls for three rhymes repeated in the order ABA BCB CDC DED and so on. Some translators,

such as John Sinclair, have

avoided the daunting issue and

turned the poetry of the Inferno into prose. Shelley translated a

passage from the Purgatorio into

pretty good terza rima. Dorothy

L Sayers, made of sterner stuff.

used it in the whole of her verse translation with much success. Robert Pinsky, a disringuished American poet, in his introduction blames the English language for being poor in rhyme, a proposition with which Byron, WS Gilbert and Cole Porter might not agree. He therefore makes considerable use of poor or "consonantal" thymes of the sort used so effectively by Yeats and Auden. In my view they don't serve the magnificent sweep and clangour of the

Inferno so well; but there are pas-

sages of beauty. The advantages of this book are its illustrations (although I'd rather have Dore's) and the fact that the Italian original is printed on each opposite page. Even with my sketchy knowledge of the language, I can use Pinsky as a crih and enjoy the wonders of terza rima. I'd recommend getting hold of Sayers' version, loo; it has a valuable glossary of names. Both translations are compulsively readable, just as



Upper-class yells from a quiet man

Bernard O'Donoghue discovers virile songs and blooming irises in four new collections

tively repulsive images, like the rita nuova of the previously amhismell of "unshowered Number Eights". But the trenchancy of his earlier poetry is only prominent in two of this book's four sections. The others are concerned with his relations with wife, child and parents: they show a tender and pious gravity which we hadn't seen before from this declarative and separatist-inclined Scot. The new Crawford is described in the first poem as, like his father, home vilens, "A Quiet Man",

Not that Crawford's rhetorical virility entirely deserts him as he exposes the defects of masculine ideology. The second poem. "Chaps", has an acting note [Crawford is an outstanding performer of his poems); the refrain must be "first of all yelled in an upper-class English voice - "CHEPS!"," before, "falling to a whisper at the end".

Othert Crawford's view of Mas- Some of the best effects come by culinity (Cape. £7.00) is seep- way of resistance to the quietness tical, often expressed in evoca- of the family poems, as when the tious young artist is expressed by the admirable neologism "Bovrilised". The relief at the escape back into verhal sparks is unmissable in "Sectch Broth":

'A soup so thick you could shake its hand

And stroll with it before dinner". The domestic poems are often beautiful and accomplished, especially those that offset the threat of domestic mawkishness with the consonantal roughness of Scots. But stand by for the old Crawford again, with sleeves rolled for more than the washing-up.

Ruth Padel is another vigorous and forceful exponent of language, whose new book Fusewire (Chatto, £6,99) runs two themes together: sex (not new in her poems) and English colonising of

about her anti-colonial rhetoric in Irish history the Duhlin urban the latter is that their fierce, dry irony could not be employed by an Irish writer without appearing inflammatory. Padel works her two subjects together hrilliantly, in titles like "Your Place or Mine?".

The second of the book's two

epigraphs introduces the perfect figure for the amalgam: "Desire paths", which are "private routes through public spaces" that urban planners have not allowed for. The harshness of sex in the war-zone. in poems such as "Desire Paths of" Sarajevo", is reminiscent of Gravity's Rainbow in its bleakness. What is so impressive and so desolating is the Dantesque sense of misery in the spirit's fated, instinctive push towards happiness which is bound to fail in these contexts - and also maybe in any other.

Padel is an outsider in Ireland, and "foreign" is a recurrent term. Michael O'Loughlin, who has been back-sliding from O'Loughlin's Ireland. What is most striking credited with trying to write into grander programme.

experience it has ignored, is now on the well-beaten track of Irish poets abroad. In Another Nation: New and Selected Poems (Arc/ New Ireland Books, £6.95), his language is lively, exuberant and profligate, as he attempts to cross-fertilise Irish culture with a multilingual cosmopolitanism, reading like a more innocent, if no less ambitious, Stephen Dedalus. Despite the attractive energy, the speed and range of his references (to Trakl, Vermeer, Tsvetaeva, Brahms, Vellego) can lead to a blurring of purpose. Thus we understand his

desire for the non-urban simplicity of "Michael Hartnett's Irish" -"I heard the sound Of the snow falling through mounlight

Onto the empty fields," while recognising uneasily that such romanticism represents a



Ruth Padel: anti-colonial rheteric

Louise Glück is never romantic, despite her extraordinarily Romanticism-derived subject. The Wild Iris (Carcanet, £8.95) is the ultimate paysage moralisé, an account of the passing year, with the days divided into the canonical hours of dawn and dusk, through addresses from flowers to gardeners. Often this turns magnificently into an address from creation to God, since the year is a plant's lifespan. The book achieves

in every line that most difficult of poetic tasks, to make the personal widely significant. With the medieval European lyric-poets, Gluck returns obsessively to the tragedy of the human in contrast to flowers: we don't bloom again. Like all large subjects, this sounds trite; the poems could not be less so, as would be evident from any quotation. The second of the seven "Matins" poems ends:

We merely know it wasn't human nature to love

only what returns love". A feature of 20th-century reac-. tion to poetry on this side of the Atlantic is that we have been so late coming to an appreciation of the great American poets, especially women such as Bishop and Adrienne Rich. We are indebted to publishers like Anvil and Carcanet who have kept writers like Glück in our sights. She is a poet of enormous importance and intelligence; we must not miss her.

Entrancements on the local bus

Jeff Nuttall encounters priestly kisses and exiled flautists

ohn Ashbery doesn't half go ore His Can You Hear, Bird (Carcanet. £9,95 t is the fatest in a steady tide of work in which his strange, laconic ecstasy is constant and unchanging. Reading him is like sitting on a bus next to a compulsive talker who promises to be the higgest hore in the world until you realise that he is entranced and so are you. He would continue nattering whether you were there or not. It is your exceptional good fortune that you are admitted to this wry, private litany.

The casual tone of these poems, which sometimes start in midsenience, confounds the formal norms a reader may expect. The titles don't seem to have a lot to do with the text much of the time. and the text is whispered in the ear, a droll commentary on the procession of cunningly disconnected day-to-day miracles filing past Ashbery's senses. "So runs." says he, "the carousel we call life".

his successive experiences is the secret dynamic of his work. "Music mind of a cigar I smoked on a picket line once," he says. Another time he was "digging a fire trench."
Along came a firehall. stopped. asked the time of day/ and went politely on his way." The speaker is continuously surprised and so

Much of Ashbery's verse avoids obvious metre. The rhythms are ohlique even when, in the long poem. "This Tuesday", he fliris with rhyming quatrains. Ashbery is a poet of vasily greater stature than any of them. but Ogden Nash. Bill Moenkhaus, the crazy Dadaist of Hoagy Carmichael's college days, and Groucho Marx

are all among his antecedents.

Similarly Ashbery is among the antecedents of Tess Gallagher's Portable Kisses (Bloodaxe, €7.95). Even in the midst of a most gra- Smith, is one of the few British

The disconnected interaction of clously negotiated grief for her dead husband, Raymond Carver, she maintains a light and wondernever blamed for her personal misfortune. Carver's vacated spaces are thronged with kisses which are not acts, nor gestures, but which, in a spirit akin to that of Ashbery, are personae, nui-sance children, priest confessors. Like Ashbery's, her tone is quiet. anti-rhetorical and friendly.

Roy Fisher has Ashhery's scale and, in his more radical pieces like "The Ship's Orchestra", an odd-ball novella, something of Ashbery's delight in the disconnected. "The Ship's Orchestra" is included in The Dow Low Drop (Bloodaxe. £8.95) which includes all his work already published in an earlier Selected Poems with some new work added, including a selection of passages from the title poem. Fisher, like Bunting and Ken

poets this century who have joined topographical material with humour and milmations of desplayed by a gifted child puts me in struck touch for a world that is tiny. He ranges the Midlands landscape like a guide, with a kind of morose avidity for fact and detail, always bewildered about how scenes of such turbulence and invention have grown so oddly quiet.

The anecdores are always vivid and often about humanity's inability to deal with its own realities, here is a tonic frontal sanity about Fisher's work and his selfdeprecatory humour can make the reader (this one anyway) yelp with laughter. For instance: "Men call me Roy/ Fisher. Women call me/ remote."

Fisher is quoted in the back cover of Ian Pople's The Glass Enclosure (Arc. £5.95), praising Pople's work, and you can see why. Pople writes about places illuminated by the disjointed cultures



Kate Clanchy: compassion for men

European Roman Catholic Christ bleeding all over Manchester. There is an accurate and particular awareness of one holocaust or another running concurrent with domestic and regional coincidences: "F.15's pgel back the fabric of sky. The sun shapes/ turrets and adobe houses/ into Downham Market and Swaffham." The rhythm is doggedly they accommodate. Thus we have incantatory throughout. What Bulger case.

saves Pople from being another despondent poetic voice is his skill with the extraordinary.

Charles Boyle's Paleface (Faber, £6.99), although immaculately written, is in danger of being one more fed-up slim volume about British urban life which everybody knows is dire. So is Kate Clanchy, although in her first collection, Slattern (Chatto, £6.99), she expresses a perceptive, unsentimental compassion for the male of

An Irish flauust busking in an alien city for his fare back to Larne is just one of a number of men and boys in these pages. With vowels composed into. sequences of considerable beauty, she explores the difficult excitement of the violence, failure and disaster of human energy without condemnation and with a great deal of vivid compassion, notably in a telling poem about the James

Gender bending

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So men sometimes write as women, and women write as men. 'So what?" asks Judith Palmer

The Routledge Anthology of Cross-Gendered Verse edited by Alan Michael Parker and Mark Wilhardt Routledge, £11.99 paperback

nce upon a time there was a poem, and it lived happily in its own slim volume. One day the poem caught the eye of an anthologist. "You're just what I've been looking for." said the anthologist. "Come home with me and I'll make you famous. You can live in my anthology with lots of other poems. I know you'll get on together, you have

so much in common." He had been a rich multilayered poem of shifting meanings and vibrant ambiguities. "You won't need those here." said the anthologist, as he stripped him of his shimmering cloak of inflections. Put this uniform on, it's much more practical, one size fits all Isn't that better? Now everyone knows exactly what sort of poem you are." But did they? "I'm an exploration of the soul's con-flicting impulses towards salva-tion," called the poem enticingly to a reader browsing nearby. "Don't be silly," replied the reader, "everyone knows you're just a minor example of a crossgendered poem.

All anthologies are factitious but some are more factitious than others. They can provide illumination, different contexts in which to reinterpret a poem, a new lens through which to read. Too often, however, the lens distorts. Poems are wrenched from their original context and yoked by violence together, to form a sort of literary chain-gang. Alan Michael Parker and Mark Will-hardt, editors of this anthology, are hemons offenders, mercilessly sbackling poems to their own spurious thesis.

An anthology of crossgendered verse does oot, as you by, for or about transvestites, transsexuals or hermaphrodites. No glimpses of Dynel tresses backstage at Madame Jo-Jo's. No Jayne County, Barry Humphries or Ruby Venezuela.

No sign either of genderlychallenged poetic characters such as Shakespeare's Rosalind (requiring a boy actor to play a girl pretending to be a boy), Salmacis and Hermaphroditus (inspiration to many, including Ovid, Swinburne and Hughes). or Eliot's "old man with wrinkled

dugs", the soothsayer Tiresias. Parker and Willhardt have made the breathtaking discovery that poets sometimes adopt personas. Women write in the voice of men, men in the voice of women. It's taken for granted that novelists invent characters, yet is considered unusual for poets to write anything that isn't

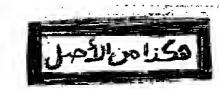
confessional or autobiographical. So we find Chaucer's Wife of Bath riding side-saddle with Ten-nyson's Rizpah and Blake's Nurse. Anne Sexton writes as Jesus, Lucille Clifton as Powell, the officer charged with the beat-ing of Rodney King. A hundred poems from Middle English and early Scots through to presentday New York, offer a succession of dramatic monologues deliv-

ered in voices of the opposite sex. Some of my favourite poems are here: Pound's "The River Merchant's Wife", for example: "While my hair was still cut straight across my forehead/ Played I about the front gate, pulling flowers"; or Rita Dove's "Genie's Prayer under the Kitchen Sink" "The hot water squeezed to a trickle so she counted out the finger holes/ and dialled her least-loved son."

"What remains consistent through all this diversity," the editors insist, "is the sense that each of these works should be seen within the context of gen-der and as an exploration of gender. Yet the hook provides no biographical material. Are the poets gay or straight? At what stage in their lives was the poem written? Did the poet specialise in dramatic monologues or was the form chosen on one occasion only? In the absence of context, the anthology remains arbitrary.

It may look like a valid excuse

for a poetry anthology, but look beneath the pancake make-up and false tits, and you'll find it's



Bangkok summit: EU states duck rights issues to avoid a damaging rift with world's strongest economies

Major calls for UN to put its house in order

DONALD MACINTYRE

John Major made a plea for rapid reform in the United Nations yesterday at the EU-Asia economie summit, as most European leaders agreed to avoid confrontation with China and South-East-Asian economic powers over humao

Mr Major pressed the case lor streamlining the UN and putting it on a firm financial footing following estimates that it could "run out of money in November". The Prime Minister said it would be "ludicrous" or the UN to go bust and warned it "must not be allowed

to grind to a halt". He urged Asian countries to back EU proposals for tough penalties on non-payers, to accelerate the payment of arrears and reform contributions 10 take account of the relative wealth of members.

Mr Major, who won strong support from Thailand for his call for UN reforms, will today call for the liberalisation of

The threat of a walk-out by lodonesia, led by President Suharto, if Portugal used the iffs on other products would be

human rights abuses in East Timor was averted when the Portuguese Prime Minister, Antonio Guterres, talked informally to the Mr Suharto in the fringes of the summit. The Portuguese leader suggested a resumption of diplomatic contacts between the two countries, which elicited a non-committal response from Mr Suhario.

The Europeans' desire to avoid conflict over human rights reflects the importance attached by the EU to expanding trade relations with the fastest growing economies in the world. Mr Major has repeatedly pointed out that the countries at the summit account for more than half the world's Gross Domes-

Jacques Saoter, the EU Commission President, made a plea for Asian countries to accept that the Single European Market "has greatly improved the opportunities for third countries to do husiness in the

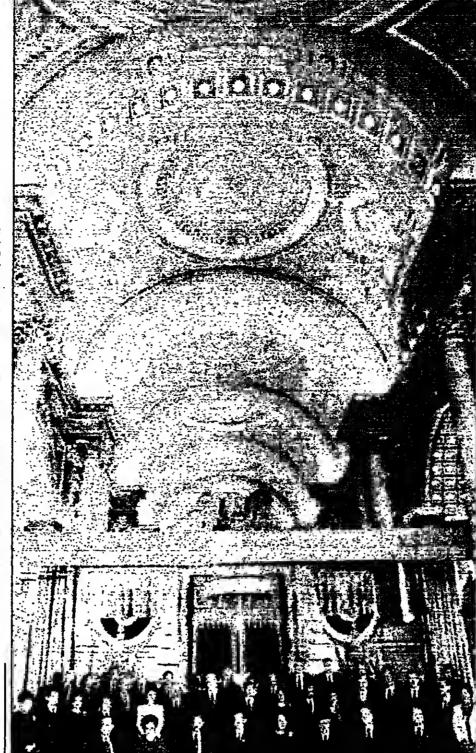
European Union". In a thinly disguised appeal to Asian countries to lower barriers against EU exports, he pointed out that 40 per cent of imports of manufactured goods would be duty-free, while tar-

Leon Brittan, the EU Trade Commissioner, has been active pressing Asian countries to open up their vast telecommunications markets, to secure a worldwide liberalisation agreement by the April deadline set by the World Trade Organisation. An aide to Sir Leon admitted they failed to draw a clear response and added: "We are into the last five weeks so

it is a very urgeot process. In meetings with the Chinese overnment, Sir Leon pressed for the level of liberalisation that would enable China to qualify for WTO membership. Sir Leon told the Prime Minister, Li Peog, that China needed to eod the monopoly of state organisations running import and export businesses, reduce tariffs and liberalise the car industry. He said if Peking took such steps the EU would back its membership of WTO.

Sir Leon urged Peking to stop restricting the free flow of economic information through overseas news agencies, saying it violated the WTO principles. He also pressed Li Peng to

accept Hong Kong's cootinued importance as an entrepreneurial centre, and was assured its "capitalism" would survive summit to resume attacks on cut by a third in the next decade. the handover to China.



Glittering assembly: Heads of government gathered for an official photograph in a throne-room of the King of Thailand's palace Photograph: Kamimasa Mayama/Reuter Photograph: Kamimasa Mayama/Reuter

Howard set for close win in Australia

ROBERT MILLIKEN

Buoyed by opinion polls which suggest he will be Prime Min-ister after today's general elec-tion, John Howard, leader of the Liberal Party, embarked on a barrage of radio and television interviews yesterday to convince swinging voters in critical seats to end the 13-year era of Labor government

Labor government.

As his strategists delivered the results of private party polls, which predicted that the conservative Liberals and their junior coalition partners, the National Party, would pick up more than the seven seats they more than the seven seats they need to topple Labor. Mr Howard displayed the solemn air of a leader who sensed that the clusive prize which he has pursued for 22 years in politics was finally within his grasp. For his part, Paul Keating, fighting to win an unprecedented sixth term for Labor, ended his campatan the way he

ended his campaign the way he began it, as the underdog. Not for him the radio and television studios of Sydney, from where Mr Howard disseminated his message that Labor had left Australia with record foreign debt and youth unemployment. The Prime Minister was in

Tasmania yesterday, after spending the last three days flying thousands of miles from Cairns, in north Queenstand, to Adelaide, Canberra and Melbourne, shoring up votes in Labor's most vulnerable seats and calling for a fresh mandate to continue economic and social reforms. He asked Australians to compare his vision of a new, Australian republic, economically engaged in the Asia-Pacific region, with the "philosophically stranded" coalition. "Did we build a new standard, have we created a change?" he asked. "Or do we just nod gently off back to sleep again like we did in the Rip Van Winkle years?

: Mr Keating refused to concede the game was up, And, as commentators discovered three years ago, after writing him off under similar circumstances at the last election, he could be right. Australians have rejected incombent governments only

Voters may be fed up with the Labor government, convinced it has run out of ideas and turned off by what they perceive as Mr Keating's arrogance. But the government is not swamped

by scandal or smelling of decay. Mr Howard is making his second bid to become prime min-ster, after failing to dislodge Labor under Bob Hawke in 1987. If Mr Howard has a vision for Australia in the next millennium, he has failed to convey it during the campaign. That explains the grudging en-dosement of the coalition in the latest opinion polls yesterday.

Having started the campaign five weeks ago trailing the coalition by 11 points, Labor closed the gap in the three main polls to finish two, three and six points behind respectively. A nationwide poll published in a Brisbane newspaper yesterday gave Labora one point lead, the first poll to put Laborahead. Mr Keating maintained a lead over Mr Howard as preferred prime

On election eve, it was difficuit to measure the impact of the "forged-letters affair", a sensational development on Wednesday in which a senior Labor minister released letters apparently damaging to the coalition, but which later turned out to be fakes. The Labor Par-ty yesterday issued a statement to federal police investigating the affair claiming the letters originated in Liberal Party ranks. Liberals accused Labor staff of forging them.

... Three of Australia's leading newspapers, the Sydney Morn-ing Herald, the Age, of Mel-bourne, and the Australian-Financial Review, called for a coalition victory yesterday But two influential newspapers owned by Rupert Murdoch went against the grain. The Australian, his national flagship, declined to endorse either side, while the Daily Telegraph. a mass-circulation Sydney

tabloid, backed Mr Keating.

While most papers splashed headlines that predicted Mr. Keating's defeat, the Mir Boch papers provided upbeat cover-

Chinese try to calm fears over ill dissident

TERESA POOLE

Wei Jingsheng, China's most prominent pro-democracy dissident, is in good health apart from hypertensioo and "a fatty liver", the Chinese government anounced yesterday. The unusual medical bulletin on the country's best-known political prisoner followed reports from relatives that Mr Wei, who is 46. was suffering from heart disease, and comes just weeks before China is likely to face attempted censure at the UN Humao Rights Commission in Geneva.

Last November, the closed court trial of Mr Wei had to be halled for nearly half an hour when he suffered an attack of high blood pressure. The judges later sentenced him to 14 years for attempting to overthrow the government, and since January he has been kept in solitary confinement at the Nanpu

saltworks about three hours' drive from Peking, occupying the same cell in which he speot the latter part of his earlier 14year jail term. Since March 1979, Mr Wei has spent only six

months out of prison.
Support is growing around the world for Mr Wei's nomination for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. Yesterday, 110 British MPs from all parties signed a Commons motion calling for his immediate release from prison and backing the Nobel nomination. He was also nominated in 1995.

The Xinhua news agency announcement appeared timed for the run-up to the Geneva vote. Since 1990, China has faced an annual motion, sponsored by the United States, condemning its human-rights record, although these have so far been defeated because China has lobbied support from developing countries. Mr Wei's sen-

tence, the dispute over the choice of a new Pancheo Lama in Tibet, and revelations this year on China's orphanages have put the human-rights spotlight firmly on Peking. Xinhua said that Mr Wei

had been given a thorough physical examination, including an electrocardiogram and 24 hour monitoriog which had ruled ont heart disease. "The prison hospital has treated Wei Jingsheng's diseases and he is now in a healthy condition," Xinhua said.

Meanwhile, new legislation was yesterday passed into law, specifying that martial law may be declared in the case of serious threats to oational unity.

Analysts said the Chinese government wanted the law on the statute books before the death of 91-year-old Deng Xiaoping to case of public unrest after the paramount leader

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THE SUN ALSO RISES (1926) by Ernest Hemingway

Also known as: Fiesta. the title under which the novel was published in England

Plot: Jake Barnes, an American journalist, has been emasculated by a mysterious injury sustained in the First World War. In tones of savage stoicism, he narrates details of his life in the Twenties amid an idle group of sybaritic expatriates who swan about the cafes and hars of Paris. They chatter. drink too much and brawl.

Jake's frustration centres on his love for Lady Brett Ashley, She returns his affection hut seeks sexual gratification elsewhere. For fun and money, she decides to marry the hullish Mike upsetting yet another sunor, Robert Cohn, who is both aggressive and wheedling by turns. This discordant quartet hecomes increasingly raucous until they drift to Spain for a holiday.

Jake evades the wasteland of his personal existence by mixing with peasants and fishing for trout. He is also an aficionado of bull fighting, the unsporting ritual which comes to represent Man under pressure, pushed to the limits of concentration and courage.
Meanwhile, Brett is

after Pedro the matador. But before she can nail his cojones to the bedpost. Pedro makes a tactical (if tactless) exit. Cohn turns violent. Jake runs away to the seaside ...

Bereft. Brett contacts Jake and they meet in Madrid. She believes that only Jake's little physical problem prevents their love from flowering. The novel closes with Jake's dry response: "Isn't it pretty to think so?"

Theme: An attempt to find value and meaning in

a post-war cosmopolitan world of slippery self-indulgence. Like Jake (the castrated he-man), all the characters have been damaged by the war. Even Brett was a nurse and witnessed unmentionable suffering. The natural life of the Spanish peasantry provides an example of true experience hut this route to salvation is closed

Style: Hemingway's plain declarative sentences are shorn of adverhs and polysyllahic adjectives. The spare prose has a tensile muscularity that invests the physical world with brilliant immediacy.

to the lost generation.

Chief strengths: Although the characters are squalid and inconsequential, they are viewed with sympathy. The "pointless" dialogue illuminates their inability to communicate and the obsessive triviality/ pathos of their desires. Even Brett maintains a frail dignity amid the waves of pleasure seeking.

Chief weakness: Jake's racist, sexist and political prejudices seem to be endorsed by the author: they are certainly not subject to any blasts of irony. The macho stuff with bullfighters is sprayed with excessive glamour.

What they thought of it then: Hemingway's stock has fallen because a) his view of life is unfashionable b) his biographers tend to larget the young hard-working Joycean aesthete, in licu of the older drunken braggart.

Responsible for: Turning journalism into an and killing off the Victorian sentence. Writing is for toughies rather than wimps: the stylistic influence extends fo Mickey Spillane to Anthony Powell.

A bearded prophet of the wilderness

Michael Coveney's biography of the director Mike Leigh sent John Campbell scuttling back to the video shop

The World According to Mike Leigh by Michael Coveney, HarperCollins, £18

funiqueness is the mark of an enduring artist. Mike Leigh passes the test. There is no one like him. No other playwright or film director - cer-tainly in Britain - does what he does. He developed his own method early on and has stuck to it tenaciously for 30 years, from his first staged experiments an the Sixties fringe through television hreakthrough in the Seventies with Nuts in May and Abigail's Party to international recognitinn as an independent, prizewinning and even hankable film maker (High Hopes, Life Is Sweet. Naked) in the late Eighties. His integrity commands respect even if you question the results.

His method is often described as

"improvisation". But this is misleading. It suggests something serendipitous and uncontrolled, whereas in fact all Leigh's finished work is very tightly structured. Nothing is improvised on stage or camera. The improvisation comes much earlier, when he and his actors together create the characters whose interaction will form the story of the play or film. Leigh does this individually with each actor, building a complete character through traits of personality, language, clothes and lifestyle before introducing them to one another. Thus events and dialogue are sparked by the collision of autonomous characters instead of being given to the actors in advance by an omniscient author. Other directors use improvisation to explore and deepen actors' understanding of their roles: no one else starts with it. But the point is that Leigh, starting with nothing, ends up with a precisely detailed script. His credits used to say "devised and directed by Mike Leigh": they now read "written

and directed". Of course, he is not quite sui generis. His method was influenced by people like Peter Brook and Ken Campbell. Paradoxically his finished product comes closest to Pinter, whose resonant sounding of honed in the study, not the helped shape him. He grew up as first five years after leaving school. Space and Traverse. It was a piece back to the video shop.



Mike Leigh with his director of photography, Roger Pratt (left), during the filming of High Hopes

Jonson's comedy of "humours" and with Ayekbourn. But like him or loathe bim - and you can loathe him either for creating patronising caricatures or reproducing the sheer tedium of ordinariness -Leigh is a true original. It is a pity his name does not lend itself to an adjective like "Pinteresque".

His surname. Coveney reveals, was actually changed from Lierbermann. His grandparents on both sides were part of that fruitful influx of Jewish emigrants from Russia that so alarmed the Tory Government of the day that it passed the 1902 Aliens Act to keep them out. Leigh rejected his Jew-

Manchester, bourgeois but still outsiders. His interest in human oddity was stimulated by the extensive tribe of his bizarre relations. He disappointed his parents - both doctors - by failing to get into Man-chester Grammar. Salford, however, more working-class and much less academic - suited him better. He played the lead in school productions of Gogol and Shaw, and remembers reading Look Back in Anger in the school library in 1956.

Rada scholarship. The breadth of subsidised

He was 13, and had found his

metier. Four years later he won a

rehearsal room. Michael Coveney part of the large, prosperous and Between 1960 and 1965 he not at the Open Space in 1970 – the draws other comparisons, with Ben self-confident Jewish community in only studied at Rada but worked as excruciating, Chekhovian Bleak an assistant stage manager in repertory, acted in films and on television, took a foundation year course at Camberwell Arts School while attending evening classes at the London School of Film Technique... and spent a year in the theatre design department of the Central School of Art and Design". He created his first play while employed at the Midland Arts Centre in Birmingham; and, in 1967, he landed a job as an assistant director with the RSC.

His face – or rather his methods

did not fit and he was quickly sacked. The next few years were his opportunity open to that privimost difficult, struggling for the climaxing in the grimly Dosleged generation is brought home chance to devise shows in colleges toyevskian Naked (1993) - is clear the hollow poetry of banality is but Coveney has no doubt that it by Coveney's account of Leigh's and fringe venues like the Open and helpful. It certainly sent me

Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

Moments - which marked bis breakthrough, Albert Finney another Salford boy - put up £17,000 to make it into a film. Then Tony Garnett, exercising an artistic freedom unimaginable today, gave him a slot to make Hard Labour for the BBC, and be was away.

Coveney's is not a great book: his idea of criticism is more to berale Leigh's detractors - Dennis Potter, David Edgar, Julie Burchiff, Pauline Kael - than to offer much interpretation of his own. But his account of Leigh's now very substantial ocuvre some 37 films and theatre pieces,

Marriage: a health warning

Michael Arditti on a young gay writer's acute portrait of a heterosexual couple

The locus of Dale Peck's debut novel. The Law of Enclosures Fucking Martin, may have lain on the titular verh, but almost as crucial was the narrator's relationship with his parents, Henry and Beatrice, And yet, hy dint of the novel's subjunctive mode, with the family dramas and sexual encounters being reviewed from different perspectives, the characters had little chance to develop and Henry and Beatrice remained particularly sketchy. Their more detailed portraits are the subject of Peck's second hook

It is hrave of a young writer best known for his gay writing to tackle a marriage. As with Fucking Maria. Peck's structure is experimental. In of college, take routine jobs and find alternate - yet contemporaneous - temporary solace in drink and adultery. chapters, he portrays the young Henry and Beatrice through their early marriage and the old Hank and Bea. 40 implicit in their subsequent despair and

Chatto and Windus, £15.99

years on, when their love is as dimin-

ished as their Christian names. Peck movingly depicts the misfit match between Beatrice, recently released from domestic drudgery and Henry under sentence of death from a hrain tumour that is wrongly rumoured to he Aids. After Henry's successful surgery, they marry, drop out

in Bea's honest hut horrific: "Oh, Hank. You should have just died." In later years, their children refuse to visit them, and their closest relationship is with another unhappy couple, Stan and Myra. After Stan dies, Hank decides that they should move north and build a house next to Myra's trailer. When the house is built, to specifications that are clearly symbolic rather than practical. Henry and Beatrice (for their names have reverted), experience a rehirth of love.

Peck displays remarkable empathy with his elderly protagonists. Myra laments that, "We're the last generation to have long meaningless marriages. Wives waiting for their hushands to die, husbands waiting for their loveless relationships. The moment of sense do not exist. Peck himself seems captures the reader's heart.

Henry and Beatrice's sexual renewal is aware of the problem when he makes handled with great grace. The trouble is that much of the writing is stuck in the Nineties" with "This is not the a state of stasis. Once the spring/ autumn contrast becomes clear, as it does very quickly, the novel goes not fill the void. nowhere. The structure sets up a series of simple juxtapositions, while the almost exclusive concentration on Henry and Beatrice is not justified by their intrinsic interest. Peck rises skilfully to the emotional heights, but fails to make the mundane compelling.

The decision to portray both past and present events as contemporaneous is equally restricting. Henry and Beatrice are removed from history. Nothing shapes them beyond the domestic world of their marriage. wives to die", and the hook is shot. Nothing wider can shape them because through with the spiritual souring of time and place in any meaningful

Hank's mother reply to Bea's "This is Nineties, Bea. This is Long Island"; but merely setting it in a backwater does By far the finest writing comes when

Peck abandons his narrative in favour of a memoir of his own parents. The precise purpose of this section in the overall scheme - whether it is to emphasise the fictional nature of the rest or to show bow the rows between Peck's father and his four wives feed into the portrayal of Hank and Bea is unclear. Nevertheless, in his description of his mother's early death and the stories he made up to cope with it, Peck writes with an intensity and commitment lacking elsewhere. Ultimately, it is the author's story, not his fiction, that

Audiobooks



read by Anna Massie and Paul Eddington Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire read Philip Madoc and Neville Jason

Now that heroes are back in force, history is high fashion. But Anna Massie, the anchorwnman on Radio 4's This Sceptred Isle (BBC, 3hrs, £9.99), sounds too like Joyce Grenfell in a primary school; she is not helped by a script of unutterable banality. The extracts from Winston Churchill's History of the English-Speaking People are, predictably, better phrased, although the late Paul Eddington's reading of them is, sadly, lacklustre.

But Philip Madoc's splendid voice, full of importance, makes Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (Naxos, 8hrs, £12.49) quite mesmerising: like driving through bistory in a Rolls-Royce. It is also a timely reminder of the brilliance of its legendary author. Gibbon can analyse character, tell a love story. and describe practicalities with the same matchless lucidity.

Christina Hardyment

Sometimes the best nightmares are old-fashioned ones

Post-modernism is all very well, says Geoff Dyer, but you can't beat a thrilling tale well told

It has always struck me as perverse that anyone should write a thesis about an author they love. Putting someone through the academic meat-grinder like that is an exercise in mutual attrition. Researchers are obliged to grind their authors down and to wear themselves out in the process, and only when there is nothing left hut dust, only then - hy a final, exquisite irony - can they be called "Doctors". "Morticians" would be a better title, for they turn litera-

ture into a vast morgue.
Patricia Duncker's challenging. provocative first novel is about an apprentice-mortician coming alive to his subject and, in the process, bringing him back from the dead. The narrator is doing graduate work on a subversive French nov-

Hallucinating Foucault by Patricia Duncker Serpent's Tail, £8.99

elist, Paul Michel. He's content beavering and footnotiog away in the library until he begins an affair with another graduate student, a bony, myopie, DM-wearing Germanist whose thick glasses - this detail proves crucial to the novel's symbolic scheme - give her the look of an owl. Yes, not my cup of tea either, hut she blows apart the narrator's ideas of dispassionate. scholarly scrutiny of the texts.

Michel, she reveals, is mad, and of "madness, death, sexuality and

self to go to France, not just to find out what has happened to Michel in the intervening years but, also, if possible, to free him.

yet allusive love letters.
We don't come face

In doing so, he embraces the challenge set out by Foucault in the halfway point. Up until then we Preface to The Archaeology of Knowledge: "There are times in life when the question of knowing it one can think differently than one thinks and perceive differently than one sees is absolutely necessary if one is to go looking and reflecting at all." When he gets to the asylum where Michel is confined, the novel moves deep into Foucaultian territory, into themes

- a trans-generic dialogue, a series of mutually explicating, explicit

We don't come face to face with Michel until past the novel's follow an archival trail that yields glimpses of his writing. Technically, Duncker thereby sets herself the problem directors have when makthe fiction. Michel's prose was ironic, disengaged, detached", and the bits and pieces we see are

which, at times, suffers from the unengaging wohhliness befitting a 23-year-old graduate student. Early on, he nearly has a "brain haemorrhage with jealousy"; in Paris the streets stink of "Gauloises and urine"; later, he smokes so much that his mouth

tastes "like an ashtray".
At this stage one is willing to ing films about great imaginary arrists: producing samples of work that live up to the myth created by ing the real-life - ie fictive -Michel live up to expectations. The suspense feels somewhat narratorenough to persuade us, just, that contrived, narrator-led: to make their (alleged) author was capable sure we are excited about the for the last 25 years has been crime" that attracted le grand of writing the books on which his forthcoming encounter, the nar-

hanged up in asylums in France. Goaded by his lover's intellectual passion, the narrator pledges him
two writers constitute – it is claimed passion, the narrator pledges him
two writers constitute – it is claimed passion. These were Michel's indoing this partly through the two writers constitute – it is claimed in doing this partly through the contrast with the narrator's voice with the narrator's voi In Duncker's case, the anxiety and suspense felt by the reader is more for-reaching than the author inteoded: what we are also wonder-ing is: will she pull it off?

She does. Michel crackles with electricity. The air hums around this compound and distillation of Artaud-Genet. The reader falls for his warped tenderness, his per-verse saintliness. In his every move there is a latent propensity for violence, a memory and premonition of "madness or despair". That was what Marlow said of Kurtz of course, but Micbel has inhabited

of Leavis's point about Conrad the trees. Then he said quietly, over-doing the atmospherics oo the way to the meeting with Kurtz. dailiness." Hallucinating Foucault is cunning, post-modern and so forth, but one ends up believing in Duncker as a covelist for the simple, old-fashioned reason that she has made us believe in her seething, wounded creation.

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Too much cloak, not enough dagger

Andrew Lownie find fault with an espionage anthology

The Oxford Book of Spy Stories, edited by Michael Cox, OUP £17.99

n one of the stories in The Oxford Book of Spv Stories, the interrogator describes espionage as a "game invented by the English during the Napoleomic Wars... they have learned to play it with gentle but con-summate skill." Just as our Intelligence Services are among the best in the world. Services are among the best in the world, so too are our spy writers, which may explain the popularity of spy anthologies in this country. There have been some two dozen over the last 50 years with editors of the distinction of Eric Ambler and Graham Greene. Now Michael Cox, who has produced some excellent anthologies of detective and ghost stories, does his hit with these 28 stories published over the last 100 years.

He has a difficult task. Like one of Henry VIII's wives, one's responsibility is known, the problem is how to make it seem different. How does one breathe new life into an old form? He has compounded his difficulties by electing to include only short stories rather than brief extracts from spy novels.

A fiction anthology should not merely be a random collection of stories. It needs to have a point of view, and the basis on which the selection has been made needs to be made clear. This is not readily apparent from Cox's introduction, which gives a lucid account of the origins and growth of spy fiction but only addresses his selection in passing.

He claims his choice constitutes the best spy stories, but, as Mandy Rice-Davies remarked on another occasion. "He would wouldn't he?" No, what he has done is provide a little of everything. There are much-anthologised stories such as Valentine Williams The Pigeon Man" and Ambrose Bierce's "Parker Adderson, Philosopher"; there is an example of the cross-fertilisation of the genre with Robert Sheckley's futuristic-"Citizen in Space", and there are stories from writers not usually associated with the genre, like Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, WE Johns and John Galsworthy.

The usual suspects are also here -William Le Queux, AEW Mason, Edgar Wallace, Eric Ambler, Len Deighton, Ted Allbeury - though not always with their best-known, or indeed their best, work. Personally, I would have chosen John Buchan's more overtly espionage

Lartius" rather than the unremarkable Jacobite story "The Lit Chamber". That said, his eschewing of the well-known for the less familiar often works. One of Somerset Maugham's Ashenden stories had to be included, not least to mark the transition from the romantic to the realist tradition of spy fiction, the move from the spy as patriot to spy as disillusioned romantic. Rather than the more obvious "The Traitor" or "Mr Harrington Waiting". Cox has chosen the far superior "Giulia Lazzari".

There will be questionable inclusions or omissions in any anthology, and that is emphatically the case here. Given this is an Oxford book, perhaps Cox should have included more literary writers working in the genre such as O Henry, Guy de Maupassant, Mark Twain and Charles Kingsley. The halance too seems strange. Over half the stories come from between the wars, with only one tale, "Risico" - possibly lan Flemmg's most self-indulgent tale - marking the Cold War's three most important decades. Also, just one woman is represented - Baroness Orczy - and only four foreigners.

John Le Carré's importance is noted in the introduction but not reflected in the text. Perhaps copyright clearance was too high, but surely one of the stories from *The Secret Pilgrim* should be here? Other omissions to my mind include Sapper, Peter O'Donnell (why not a Modesty Blaise tale from Pieces of Modesty?) and an example drawn from the rich vein of comic spy writing: Cyril Connolly's "Bond Strikes Camp" comes to mind. Spying may be a serious business hut spy fiction is not.

All the same, this is a stimulating collection with some gems, such as AD Divine's "Flood on the Goodwins" and Len Deighton's "Paper Casualty". Cox shows himself again to be a diligent and imaginative anthologist. But the fact remains that just too few spy short stories are being written or published. If the task of the future spy anthologist is to be made easier, magazine editors need 10 give thought to encouraging the genre. For, as a 1994 Edward Hoch tale - loosely based on the Aldrich Ames case - shows here, they continue, even with the end of the Cold War, both to

Paperbacks -

Reviewed by Emma Hagestadt and Christopher Hirst



Bloomsbury, £5.49)

Her mother is mad her father is dead, and her sister is a civil servant with e weakness for furry hats. Hazel has no one to turn to when she discovers her gynaecologist husband is using her womb as a genetic test site. A reproductive saure Fay Weldon would be proud to have mothered:



Real Life by Marsna Hunt (Flamingo, En.99)

It was the English rain that made Marsha Hani famous: it fluffed up her carls to thrice normal size. landing her a part in Hair. भेटा साहुउद्याह autobiography includes memories of growy days in Berkeley and Notting Hill. and a low than flattering portroit of Mick Jagger (spots and all.) A "Spade Chick" with attitude.



A Stranger in the Family by Terry Sanderson (Other Way Press, £9.95)

Increased heart beats, hot flushes, shaky legs, nausea and helpless crying. Not the onset of the menopause, but a mother's reaction on learning that her child is gay. Straightforward advice on the effquene of closesexiting, including the reassuong message that a little suffering is good for



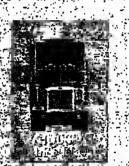
The Chess Garden by Brook Hanson (Sceptre £5.99)

Gorged on eucumber pickles, the children of Dayton, Ohio gather after school to hear Dr Uyterhoeven's letters home, in which he writes of a land lived in by chess. pieces and origami cranes. This turn-of-the-century fable is at times so rich, it gives you hearthurn, He's either brilliant or barking.



Too Damn Famuus by Joan Collins (Örina 15.99).

Katherine Bennet. America's giitziest soap star, enterges triumphant irom un LA courtreom to face the press. Then it's home to boiled eggs and toast, and a Mexican maid who can't even fix the airconditioning. After all the fuss, it's good to know Joanie can write especially about herself.



A Thousand Miles from Nowhere by Graham: Coster (Penguin, £5.99)

Coster cadged lifts with big rigs hauling ices to Moscow and yehicle parts across the US Keen eyed and witty. his work deserves to reach-readers far beyond the truck-stop. He's particularly, good on the "ducking and diving" required to attain transcontinental . destinations despite manifold obstacles. In Connecticut, for example, the law demands white



The Five Giants by Nicholas Timmins (Fontana, £9.99)

Want, disease, ignorance. squalor and idleness the giant evils which the Welfare State was set up to tackle 50 years ago. Timmins has produced a wide-ranging biography of this endeavour, battered now but still responsible for two-thirds of public spending. Despite its bulk, this is an excellent read, packed with sharp detail from Beveridge (creator) to Portilio (would-



The Gospel According to Wnmen by Karen Armstrong (Fount, £8.99)

"To embrace a woman." wrote Odo of Cluny in the 12th century, "is to embrace a sack of manure." The subjection of women has taken place since Christianity's earliest days. Armstrong's account of how the church stereotypes women is learned, but marred by overstatement, eg: "The anorexic sums up the dangers of the myth of



Playland by John Gregory Dunne (Granta, £6.99)

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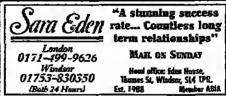
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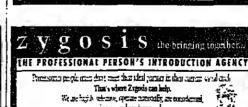
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And hummingbirds flicker by tall, white foxgloves

Ecuador is plant-lovers heaven. By Anna Pavord

have found myself in company with some pretty besoured plantsmen over the last couple of years, but no fern fetishist, no orchid ogler I have over known can match the intensity of the birdwatchers we fetched up with recently in Ecuador. Up at 5am, breakfasted by 5.30, out all day with field glasses clamped to their eveballs, back at nightfall, a snatch of supper, then out on to the balconies of their bamboo huts to send pre-recorded owl noises into the jungle dark. "Eighty today." confided one bright birder at supper. I thought he meant the temperature, but it was the number of new species he had knocked off his list that day.

We soon discovered, though, that in this particular place, a jungle lodge down the Rio Napo. to go out with a birder was the best way of guaranteeing a good walk. They are indefatigable in the distances they will travel to bag a new bird: they are quiet and touchingly generous in their efforts to convert you to the cause.

I like birds, but as I tried to explain to one young American attorney, there isn't enough room in one life for plants, let alone anything else. He looked at me pityingly. We happened to be out with him when he saw his bird of birds, the cocha ant shrike. The female, he had told us, was described only from a skin, the male, unknown. When we came upon them, male and female were both sitting on a branch in full view, singing, prancing about, and generally drawing attention to themselves in as shameless a way as possible. The attorney was heside himself with excitement, trembling so much he nearly upset the little dugout canoe we were in at the time, "You don't realise how lucky you are." he said breathlessly, "Nobody's ever seen this before." I tried to look pleased and excited, but the cocha ant shrike is a little black job awfully like masses of other little blackish things flitting about out there. I realised then what it must be like for nongardeners to listen to enthusiasts boring on about the joys of Saxifraga federici augusti. To them, it's just another little green joh.

The attorney was oblivious to everything except birds. Wonderful heliconias. I said one day, as we tightroped our way over a tree-trunk bridge, "What?" he said and I pointed out the huge brilliant red and sellow flowers hanging like lanterns in the dark greenery around us. "Oh yeah!" he said. "Haven't seen them before." although we had been walking past them every day. Butterflies did penetrate his consciousness. presumably on the basis that they looked more like birds than anything else around. The kingfisher-coloured blue morphos were spectacular, flapping their wings so slowly it seemed impossible that they could stay airborne.

Birds and flowers came together most spec-

places we stayed at in Ecuador. Wandering through the archway into the courtyard entrance, you have a curious sensation of a never-never land. Hydrangeas are blooming with orchids. By the hydrangea is a fat banana palm. And supping from the speckled flowers of tall white foxgloves are flickering, irridescent humminghirds.

They have been very quick on the uptake. Cusin was bought, only six years ago, by an Englishman. Nick Millhouse, who introduced many cottage garden flowers among the agaves, avocado trees and eucalyptus that be found there. Although there is prohably not another foxglove within a thousand miles of Cusin, the hummingbirds flit in for their drinks there with all the easy tamiliarity of a hack at Groucho's. I commented on the hummingbirds to the manager, Marcia. "Oh," she said, surprised, "Don't you have hummingbirds in England?" If only. I'd certainly trade them for the sparrows that are once again stripping the wisteria of flower

Cusin, about an hour and a half's bus ride north of the airport in Quito is at San Pahlo, which ranges around the eastern shore of a lake of the same name. All round are the peaks of the Andes and every day the view was different, for the clouds swirled endlessly round the mountains in a celestial version of the dance of the seven veils. Sometimes one of the mountains would let the clouds slip to reveal a vast peak, shining with snow and then quickly spin the gauzy cloud round itself again to cover itself up. It was a riveting show.

Agaves and eucalyptus were the dominant plants of the landscape here, the eucalypius introduced and aggressive enough to see off most of the indigenous trees. But walking out from Cusin in hig circular loops round the ridges and valleys, you came across masses of plants growing wild that we cultivate as garden plants. Orange-flowered eccremocarpus scrambled through the hedgerows like honeysuckle. Unimproved pale mauve verbenas crept along sandy banks, salvias grew everywhere. In grassland, where we might expect dandelions, there was tickseed (coreopsis) and Spanish daisy.

Fields of maize grew on even the most precipitous slopes, carefully ridged and furrowed to husband the water. When the sweetcorn was well established, the farmers sowed runner beans alongside them, so that the beans could use the sweetcorn as supports. I have combined peas and broad beans in this way, which works well as long as you choose a tall-growing cultivar of broad bean. This summer I am going to try the Ecuadorean way with runners.

Everywhere you noticed cultivation techniques that reflected a care for water as a resource. We are gradually understanding about northern Andes, by far the best of the three do very much by way of rioging and furrowing



Ecuadorean jungle (above); and on the flower-strewn hacienda at Cusin Photos. Tony Morrison/Anna Pavord

between crops or building little earth stockades off roses as a cut flower in a big way. round plants of tomato or squash or courgette. We buy sprinkler systems instead and spray expensively filtrated drinking water all over the garden. Back to the mattock, the tool that was most often in evidence in Ecuador. It's a bit like a spade, mounted at right angles to a long handle. You can coop up clods of earth with it and use it to draw soil up around plants. I inherited a whole family of them from a great uncle, but have never used them. Having seen how deftly Ecuadoreans handle them, I feel

they ought to be brought back into commission. Cut flowers seem to be the boom business at the moment. The hosteria we stayed in to the south of Quito was completely hemmed in by acres and acres of polythene tunnel, all growing roses. While sulphur cones burnt away inside the shelters, young women, without face masks or any tacularly at Cusin, a 17th-century hacienda in the northern Andes, hy far the best of the three do very much by way of rioging and furrowing feel blooms, each on a three foot stem. It put me

As many birders go to Ecuador for the cocha ant shrike or the harpy eagle, so many plantspeople go there for the orchids. Late summer is. the best time for these, but even so, in winter we saw four or five different kinds. In the jungle were epidendrums and a dear little oncidium with a monkey face. In the mountains behind Cusin, growing on a rock face where they were drenched by the spray from a 100ft waterfall, were showers of wonderful red-flowered orchids. What were tbey? I haven't the faintest idea.

When I inquired of one of the birdwatchers in the jungle the name of a brown thing that flashed through my field glasses, he replied grandly, "I don't do flycatchers". So I'll take a leaf from his book and say equally firmly. "I don't do orchids".

> The Hacienda Cusin is at San Pablo, Imbahura, Ecuador (06 918013; fax 06





What should be done about Wshrubs damaged by the snow talls of February? Evergreens such as choisya and the low-growing Ceanothus thyrsiflorus repens are the worst hit in my garden. Other friends have been mourning the loss of lilacs and hehes. Where branches are attached only hy the skin of the bark, there is no point in delaying. Cut them, finish off their misery and get rid of them. Where branches are split, as with my choisya and ceanothus, I shall leave them both until they have flowered before undertaking major surgery.

As for lilac, you could take the chance to rejuvenate the bush by cutting the whole thing down to about two

feet, forcing it to throw new shoots. In the end, this is likely to produce a bettershaped, more free-flowering hush than you would get by simply cutting out the damaged branches. Depending on the extent of the damage. I would be rempted to cut a hobe hard hack, too, but not yet. There

> shoot again from the base. Wintersweet (Chimonanthus praecox) can be pruned now, too. Take out spindly stems entirely, cutting them off at the base and shorten the strong growing stems by about a quarter. Tough oruning will

the best results. A thick layer of muck this spring or next autumn should do the trick. Repot honse plants if you think they need it. They may be more harsh weather to come. Wait until April. when it can be persuaded to

needn't necessarily go into a larger pot. Tease old compost away from the roots and set the plant at the same depth in fresh compost in a clean pot. Water it thoroughly, but do not drown it. The nutrients available in the fresh compost will mean that the plant will need no extra feeding for the next six

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Why snails love city gardens best

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By Diana Ross

Helix Aspersa, was extinguished in the British Isles leaguered city gardener do? by the Ice Age. The English Channel opened up and cut us off from the Continent before it had time to make its way of aluminium sulphate: back again. But then came the Romans, bringing with them their own supply for culinary purposes. Unfortunately, they did not consume them all. Some escaped, naturalised and thrived. And they thrive best in close proximity to humans. For a snail four things are essential: moisture, food, shelter and alkaline soil for the calcium to make their shells. A town garden provides these necessities better than anywhere - a food supply in easy reach of the shelter of walls and paving and ideal atmos-pheric conditions: a small gar-den is so easy to water. The irony is that the people who provide this ideal environment are the very same who suffer most from the snails' presence. They even share the same taste in plants: broad-leaved herbaceous

Any city gardener visiting a country garden cannot fail to notice the relatively pristine condition of plants. There is a better range of predators, but the size and viscosity of a mature garden snail give it strong protection. Then again, in the country it is often too far for the snails to trainse from their shelter to the borders and back before daybreak. And country gardeners are less likely to have an irrigation system.

tion, whether for fear of dis-

The common garden snail, approbation or concern for the environment, what can the be-There are the recognised "friendly" methods: grapefruit halves; beer; expensive packs eggshells, grit or ashes; greasing the rims of plant pots. But in the end the battle, as the summer progresses, is lost, and the hosta leaves are reduced to skeletons, the crambe

> The EC has been looking ever, one gardener in Hampstead counted her haul last year - 3,000. If each of those 3,000 bad lived to produce its 200 offspring, and if only five per cent of those had reached maturity, by the end of 1998. they would number six million. And if she found 3,000 how

with one slug. The cost is therefore prohibitive. Daily vigilance and knowlmany did she miss?edge of their habitat is prob-How do you despatch 3,000 snails humanely? Appealing creatures, they actually be-come friendly in captivity. To ably more useful in dealing with the city snail. Then a decision can be taken on how best to despatch them. Lobdrown them is heartbreaking bing the catch over the wall - they will keep clittbing back next door is totally ineffectual: snails are territorial and can stalks, bodies straining with the travel up to 40 metres a night; effort. Throwing them out on by the following morning they will be back. Added to which, to the road to take their chance? Christian to the lions. the mucus trail grown snails leave acts as an inhibitor to the The poor things inch their way painfully over the gritty. younger generation. Kill an tarmac, unable to take evasive adult and the next size down action when the cars bear start eating themselves silly in down. Squashing them underthe race to take over the vafoot is quick and not dissimilar to being hurled about by thrushes. For those with com-Which they do. Hermaphpost heaps, dropping them first into boiling water avoids roditic, every mature garden snail reproduces itself approximately 200 times a seathe rotten fish combined with son. They can live for eight uric acid smell their decomyears once mature. Happily,

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One gardener took to burying

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snails a day is, so to speak, quite an undertaking. Two possible final solutions came from the snail farmer who revealed the friendliness of their natures. His first option he called "gardeners' revenge", which is to say, eat them. But first they must be purged. Two days' starvation in a damp atmosphere in a covered bucket followed by three of feeding (flour or Weetabix) and a further two days' abstinence. Store alive in nally, blanch in boiling water and cook in garlic butter.

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Should the above solution not appeal, mash up packets of Weetabix and lay trails of the cereal on damp evenings faces six inches or so from the flowerbeds. Between 11pm and lam return with torch, dustpan and brush and sweep everything up again; slugs and snails alike will be heads down in the cereal. Place in covered pail and when convenient release on wasteland at least 40 metres from your garden. Reand leave the offspring to path for passing wildlife leads peat regularly throughout the

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There's more to the National Trust than country piles, says the new head man. There's 20 Forthin Road, for a start

By Patricia Cleveland-Peck

am at the tiller for the time being, but I'm just one of many," was the modest comment of Martin Drury, who took over as director general of the National Trust at the beginning of the year. "The challenge is to keep the thing on course." However, there are already indications that he will steer this venerable cases the DoT tries to avoid our old craft towards her second century with some panache.

novative step of acquiring the first house connected with a we do. That is the situation at Hindhead. The proposal to take living person - and a pop singer at that, rather than a Duke or retired statesman. Hearing that 20 Forthin Road, Liverpool - the council house where Paul McCartney spent his teenage years - was for sale, Drury felt it was something the Trust should at least consider. "I was taken by several things," he told me. "Firstly it was really a rather good. Trust's lovehest coastal land, the building from the last hreath. DoT listened to the Trust's arof a working-class housing guments and reduced its promovement – the garden suburb movement – which does great credit to this country." More importantly, he saw it as "an immediate link with the creation of music which touched millions".

This link is documented by a series of photographs taken in the house by Paul's brother sofa with their guitars with Paul's maths exercise book open, revealing the words "I will hold your hand".

Reaction from the membership has been mixed: broadlythose from the North approve,

tional Trust is so closely linked to houses, although he served for ry at least. 11 years as Historic Buildings Secretary and is an expert on an- be appreciated by a wider sectique furnishings. "Our country houses are very important and Drury, who is fully aware of the middle-class, middle-England do fuel the false impression that the Trust is very rich," he says. "In fact most of the big country houses run at a loss and the Trust's financial position is precarious. It needs more mem-

There is another reason why the stately home perception displeases Drury: "It devalues the rest of our work, which is just as remarkable. We own 506,000 acres of countryside and through Enterprise Neptune, which is the single most important campaign the Trust has undertaken, we have protected 502 miles of coastline." Once land is acquired, the Trust has a unique

over road proposals, I asked Mr. Drury about relations between the Trust and the Department of Transport (DoT). "In most inalienable land," he said, "but when threatened we are oblig-It was he who took the in- ed by statute to defend it - and the A3 by-pass on concrete stilts across the Devil's Punchhowl was rejected as unthinkable. The Trust insists that the road is run through a timnel, an option it also wants to see adopted at the even more sensitive World Heritage site of Stonehenge. At Golden Cap in Dorset, where the plan was to run the A35 through some of the Trust opposes it as publicly as

"We are not against the car,"
Drury added, "but the present
rate at which life is dominated by the car cannot be sustained. At the last AGM it was sug-Mike McCartney, showing for gested that the number of visi-example, Paul and John on the tors arriving by car should be reduced from 90 per cent to 60 per cent. A tall order, but a move in the right direction." When Prior Park near Bath opens this season, all visitors will have to walk or come by public transport - there are no parking facilities. while those from the South in- The Trust has initiated other dicate some degree of puzzle- strategies; work on 12 ment. Drury is unrepentant: cycle tracks to run from urban "Any organisation can so easily centres to Trust properties; get turgid and backward look-cheaper combined public transing. We are preoccupied with the aport and entry tickets for some past quite a lot, so it is good to properties and the continuing be edging forward."

In fact Drury regrets that the lie transport in the handbook to public perception of the Na- enable those who are carless to reach the properties - in theo-

> "I want the National Trust to tor of the population" said image of Trust members. He pointed to three schemes "Linking People with Places" "Linking People with Places" stereotypical himtin' shootin'
> and fishin' stately home inreach out to connect people from depressed inner city areas with the amenities that nearby Trust properties can offer them. In Newcastle the project has apparently been so successful that

groups to organise walks, field trips and weekends. This seems very much more in the spirit of Octavia Hill, the Trust founder whose aim was to create "outdoor sitting-rooms

In the light of present conflicts

older people and single mothers have formed their own



cumbent whose image the words "National Trust" conjure up for

Hunting, of course, has caused the Trust some many of them the very people we headaches over the years. What are the new director general's views on it?

"Our policy is to allow hunting - which is perfectly legal af-ter all - where it has traditionally taken place and not to allow it where it would damage habitats or if the land has been given to us with a no-hunting condition. power to declare it inalienable, for the poor", rather than the He is aware of the inicnse pas-

sion the subject provokes: "To some, mostly country people (and it is these we depend on as employees, tenants and benefactors in our work), it is an inalienable right, while to others are doing the work for - it is something utterly repugnant. It is best for us to keep out of the

argument." Martin Drury is more concerned with finding ways in which Trust properties can be shown more imaginatively. He has just launched the Thousand Threads" project, so called

pestry of information by means of a series of high technology "Gateways" at 30 properties. If it comes off (support of £11.35 million has been sought from the Millenium Commission). virtual reality, CD-ROMS, flyby-wire models and interactive hands-on displays will be used. This will help to occpen the appeal of the properties and improve visitor enjoyment, while an even larger audience will be tapped both here and abroad through CD-ROM and the In-

Up-to-the-minute stuff inbecause it seeks to weave a ta- deed for the staid old National

Trust, demonstrating Mr Drury's belief that it is essential to move with the times "I want to spread the social base of the membership and also get over the fact that the Trust is a charity in need. not an opulent great ship sailing confidently towards the future. I want to improve the schools education programme: children of all races are the British people of the future, and it is their National Trust." He is also keenly aware that the Trust has to earn public affection by giving people what they want. Which brings us back to the Bea-

COUNTRY PURSUITS



A day in the life of Ray Dobbins, water bailiff on the Wye

44 love my joh. I've lived on the Wye all my life + I was born in Monmouth, but moved to Rhayader when I was two, tr's not regular work; it all depends on the fish. At spawning - autumn - we're out every night around here. We might start at six and not get back until seven the next morning. Often we stake out a ford, then at least you know you're protecting something, even if no prachers come along. Otherwise, we walk up a brook - that's the only way to find out if there's anything going on. Although I have two reserve bailitts part-timers who help out as and when needed - we've got a huge area to cover; about 150 miles of river in all.

"From February to October we're looking for neiters near Monmouth outside our paich. That can mean a long night (I've done 18 hours on the trot there), especially when we've caught someone and they have to be charged.

"We also do shifts around Leominster. usually at weekends. That means starting at 2.30pm to catch night fishermen using worms to earch frout. It's illegal and I don't know why they do it - there's no money in it - they're poachers at heart.

"There's been a huge shift in poaching. When I hegan in 1979 everyone was at it and it got a bit nasty. Once I found a dozen salmon heads on my car bonnet and another time it was sprayed with paint. My two reserves were very badly heaten up and a lookout was shot at till he quit. "Then the magistrates fined someone

£946 in Rhayader court and for two years we never saw a light on the river. Today we're left with a handful of middle-aged poachers, but there's none of the young lads coming in. Now we probably only catch a couple of local guys each winter. Last year wesurprised two poachers and one decided to hide in the river. Luckily he was in shallow water and we found him before he got too cold. Near Monmouth poachers have been drowned netting. That guy was fined about £250.

"Although the enforcement is the most important part of the job, I prefer monitoring. In early spring we plant boxes in the river with 100 fertile salmon eggs in each. We lift them about March to see what progress they've made and carry on checking through the summer.

"When it gets a bit warmer we go electro-fishing. We stretch two nets across the river about 30 metres apart and walk slowly between them with an electrode. This stuns the fish, which we measure and weigh. If any look out of condition, we take scale samples for analysis.

"At the moment we're three years into a project to put up nest boxes for barn owls and we're helping the fishery owners to remove silt from spawning beds that aren't doing so well. It seems to be working, too - last year was the best spawning on the Wye since 1988, but that might just be the hot weather.

"One of the best things about the scientific work is being out on the river during the day and I've been lucky enough to have seen four or five ofters during daytime over the past couple of years. They may take the occasional salmon, but they're beautiful creatures."

Daniel Butler

A little local trouble

The ParaSearch Investigation Research Unit may be called in to investigate strange goings on in a small Shropshire town. A month ago two workment claimed they saw an apparition appear from the mist as they made Wem's old town hall safe after it was gutted by fire. One theory is that the ghost is that of teenage maid Jane Churm. who accidentally caused a fire in 1677. Mrs Pauline Dee, a town councillor, said it could be the ghost of a man who helped build the town half in 1911 and who later killed himself after a row with his father.

Mary and South

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Hembers of the public in North ViDevon are being asked to help identify tanker drivers who are dumping untreated sewage in country lanes between Bideford and Torrington. The illegal dumping of septic tank waste was first reported towards the end of last year, and although the operators have been spotted officials at Devon County Council's waste regulation department need registration numbers. Kevan Davies, of the department, said: This waste contains pathogenic organisms. including those responsible for causing salmonella and hepatits. It also poses an environmental threat to wildlife."

'When I lobbed logs into my trailer, she went berserk'

hen working with a chain saw, it is as well to Concentrate. Two occasions on which I let my mind wander stand out in my memory with disconcerting clarity. On one, I felled a witch elm on to my own trailer, and almost on to my wife; on the other, I let the chain touch the inside of my knee - which meant immediate evacuation to hospital.

I was therefore keeping my wits about me the other afternoon as I cut into a pile of tree-tops that a farmer had dragged out into a field. Suddenly, I became aware that something had passed close behind me at high speed. Taking my finger off the throttle trigger, I looked round. There was Cindy, the sheepdog from the farm, coming in fast at an angle on

another run. I was glad to be wearing boots with high, padded ankles. On her regular heat, outside the farmyard, Cindy makes it her duty to give the hum's rush to any vehicle passing along the lane. From her favourite ambush-point at one corner of the hard. she hurtles out, barking furiously, and races beside the car, snapping at its wheels.



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Visitors on foot are no more welcome. Even when I enter into friendly conversation with her owner, she gives off menacing growls. Although wagging her tail, she looks as though she may sink her teeth into me at any moment. When tiding in his pick-up truck, she is aggression personified.

What, then, were her motives in making these high-speed passes in the field? Rather than risk having jaws close on my achilles tendon, I stopped the saw, took off my helmet and made overtures.

Off her own territory, Cindy was a different animal She wagged ber tail, licked my hand, allowed me to chuck her under the chin, frisked about and generally made berself agreeable. Yet

when I began to lob logs into my trailer, she went berserk, racing in circles, leaping high into the air, and uttering strangled howls as each missile fell out of her reach. Clearly, she wanted action, and in particular sticks

thrown for her to chase. I chose a thin piece of wood and flung it. She went after h like smoke, pounced, gnashed, tossed it into the air and abandoned it - as if it was a rat and she was saying, "There you are, that's how I kill 'em." A couple more sticks received similar treatment. Immediately after she had dealt with each one, she came tearing back for the next.

But then, as a longer hranch landed on the grass, she did not shake it or throw it about. Instead, she seized it and bore it off in her mouth, galloping the whole way hume. Two, three, four hundred yards up the field she went, until she squeezed under the gate and disappeared towards the farmyard. Ten minutes later she came back - and this time there was no fooling about. The first stick I threw found

God!" I thought "Have they trained her to bring home firewood?"

Icmet.

Inquiries revealed that they had done no such thing: the sticks had not reached the farm. They must have gone into some secret cache. was left reflecting on how difficult it is to discern animals' motives, and how dangerous it can be to take good temper for granted.

Few creatures can have been more deceptive than our champion ram, Agamemnon - that arch destroyer of fence-posts. It is true that his final preparation for a charge - three steps backwards and one to the side, like a rugger player lining up for a place-kick always gave him away at the last moment; but even when he was harbouring the most dastardly thoughts, the expression on his face never changed, and only someone who knew him well could divine that if he started to lick his lips or wag his tail, it was time to watch out.

So with Cindy. We may have become buddies in the field, but I still believe that if I took any liberties on her favour: she picked it up and home ground, she would sprinted for base. "Good bite me to the hone.

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he travel industry is rather like Fawly Towers - wait I long enough, and a series of repeats will appear. And, like wise men, blind mice or disasters, they tend to turn up in threes. So the news that the United States is tightening the further (by cutting flight links to the island) contes hot on the heels of Sir Freddie Laker's planned comeback with flights to Florida this summer, and the return to the

skies of Pan Am. The spooky thing is that these three stories are inextricably linked. Pan Am began its international network 75 years ago with a flight from Key West, Florida, to Havana. The airline finally went bankrupt as a result of price competition initiated by Laker's cut-price Skytrain operation, and parily because of the aftermach of the Lockerbie disaster. The bombing of Pan Am flight 103 at Christmas 1988 is widely thought to be a direct reprisal for the shooting down by the Americans of an Iranian

So there is a certain irony that Washington is expressing ourrage at Cuba's downing of two light aircraft, and endeavouring to cut travel to the island. The frequent charter flights between Miami and Havana, which have become so popular that a 747 has to be used for the 100-mile flight, are to end, An opportunity, perhaps, for Laker's Bahamas-registered company to step in and offer connecting flights via Nassau. Sir Freddie, the man wbo built his airline dodging the Communist blockade during the Berlin airlift, could make a new fortune, helping Castro's Communists beat the capitalist blockade. The last battle of the Cold War is being fought on the Straits of Florida, and the losers are American tourists.

Where Sherlock Holmes feared to tread

Simon Calder followed the century-old footsteps of Conan Doyle's detective into the uncompromising vastness of Dartmoor

anitals. "Bleak House (ruin)" adds to the forboding. And the cartographic revelation that Devon possesses a Mountain Rescue Post might persuade you to stay in and read The Hound of the Buskervilles instead.

But Sir Arthur Conan Doyle may yet convince you to visit Dartmoor: "It is a great place, very sad and wild, dotted with the dwellings of prehistoric man. strange monoliths and huts and graves."

He wrote these words in a letter to his mother from the Duchy Hotel in Princetown while researching his celebrated mystery about a phantom hound and foul deeds. Dartmoor's central settlement has not changed much since 1901. The moor, the mist, the walls of H M Prison and the huddled houses all squeeze into a thin spectral slice of grey.

Dartmoor is England's last great wilderness, a slab of ancient rock rising from the soft fringes of Devon, Planes heading to America fly over it, but from \$11,000 feet (fog permitting) it is just a big hold much signal. big bald patch circled by neatly cultivined fields. From six feet, you shiver amid the stunied shrubs and perilous swamps, and look around at Conan Dovle's "crests of jagged granite foaming up into fantastic surges".

Fiction and reality collided one foggy night at the turn of the century while the celebrated crime writer was in the smoking room of the Duchy Hotel. The prison governor, chaplain and doctor came to visit, expressing a wish "to call on Mr Sherlock Holmes."

Holmes left town nearly a century ago. In his crime-fighting place are a few optimistic signs (perhaps aimed at the prison's 600 inmates) stating "This is a Neighbourhood Watch area." The hotel has closed down, too, and become a tourism office. Its ungainly neo-classical columns now draw tourists on the

ANGER AREA screams out trail of Conan Doyle's devilish dog into of the map of Dartmoor in red the High Moorland Visitor Centre.

The way to comprehend Dartmoor is to feel it, to walk across its uncompromising vasiness. Careful which direction you set out in, mind. Much of the moor is taken up by military training reserves, and "firing today" signs warn visitors against straying onto shooting ranges. Careful where you tread, too. You can almost sense a wizened old local, lips as cracked and blackened as the moor, whispering "Don't stray from the path"

There are three good reasons for taking such advice: the risk of trampling on live ammunition; the danger of disturbing ground-nesting birds; and the threat most chillingly revealed by Mr Stapleton of Merripit House. Pointing at Fox Tor Mire, he regales Holmes with the cheery news that "A false step yonder means death to man or beast. Only yesterday I saw one of the moor ponies wander into it. He never came out. I saw his head for quite a long time craning out of the bog-hole, but it sucked him down at last."

That sort of thing could quite spoil your holiday. Conan Doyle wisely commissioned a local, one Henry Buskerville, to drive him across the moor in a carriage. More pedestrians stepping out on their own should stick to a venerable trail such as the Abbot's Way. This ancient path linked the abbeys at Tavistock (now almost oblitdoing nice eccleslastical sidelines in honey and tonic wine).

You pick up the Abbut's Way southeast of Princetown, and follow it over a

unar landscape riven by infant brooks. When this was a great highway rather than a forgotten byway, the only fords were the stepping stones across the waterways, Deeper tracts are crossed on clapper bridges, slabs of granite slammed over gabbling streams. The track skirts Fox Tor, fords the embryonic River Plym and takes you into terrain



Dartmoor: hope you will not end your days in some Baskervillean bog

so gothic that you are screaming to share your excitement and fear.

time of year is that there is no-one with whom to talk. Dartmoor in the last week in February is as close to a physical manifestation of the word "wilderness" as you would wish. The nearest humans are probably the passengers in the 747 carving a jet trail six miles overhead. You are left with the ancients, whose standing stones and cairns deck the heath and heather to commemorate the longdead. Occasional flashes of colour provide the only respite from this alien, monochromatic world. Patches of fern have been burnt and beaten into ruddy submission by sun and wind, matching the ochre tones of the iron-rich Red Lake Mire. Vivid green moss clings to the dark Dartmoor granite - the stone used for Nelson's Column, in Victorian mimicry of standing stones on the moor.

As you breast yet another subdued Tough. The only certainty at this ing the edge of Dartmoor. But if, like me, your luck begins to ebb away, the path will start to dissolve into the coarse, rocky grassland. You have two choices: to retreat into the gloom and try to find your way back across the moor, or to press on and hope your story does not end in some Baskervillean bog like that of Conan Doyle's villain The book's denonement reveals that the life was not ripped out of Sir Charles-Baskerville by a ghostly hound. The killer was the "cold and cruel-bearted" Stapleton who had earlier warned Holmes about the perils lurking on Dartmoor. He met his end hereabouts "in the heart of the great Grimpen Mire, down in the foul slime of the huge the morass which had sucked him in

Take care out there. DANGER

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ext Stop New York!" would be an cheery as they are knowledgable, comprise the appropriate signpost at this far flung corner of Britain. All transatlantic races, whether they involve Blue Riband liners or Branson, begin or end at Bishop's Rock lighthouse at the western extreme of the Isles of Scilly.

Tooking towards American and a second to said the many craft as necessary to said the day and the many craft as necessary to said the day and the many craft as necessary to said the day and the many craft as necessary to said the day and the many seem and the many seems and the said the day and the many seems and the said the day and the many seems and the said the day and the many seems and the said the day and the said the Looking towards America, you can only try to imagine the vastness of the ocean curving away out of sight. And behind you, the rest of the Scilly archipelago is only marginally more inhabited. The people who do live here recently joined the campaign to introduce double summer time, to allow them to make better use of the lighter evenings. The hid failed, although for a while there was talk (not totally tongue-incheek) of declaring a unilateral time shift. In many ways, not just because of daylight hours, Scilly is out of step with the rest of the country.

It's early March here too, but in this blessed corner of the the country, it won't seem as if the landscape is only just emerging from winter. Spring comes early to Scilly:
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here growers elsewhere can compete, the ing from winter. Spring comes early to Scilly: indeed for the horticulturalists, who make winter never really happened. Even during the recent cold snap in the rest of Britain the islands escaped virtually frost free. Now the main growing season is over, but while the tiny sheltered fields are ploughed and left fallow ready for next season's crop, the hedgerows are alive with wild narcissi and

The Atlantic laps the scattering of rocks where the bird and seal populations vastly outnumber the humans. The tranquillity is jealously guarded - there is virtually no new development - and, in contrast to virtually any other seaside resort in Britain, each year pretty well all the accommodation is taken. threaten the peace even at the peak of summer. You can have half a mile or more of clean, white-sandy beach and dunes to yourself in the middle of August. There is not a Mary's in a strange morning mist over an single amusement arcade, few cars, almost no absolutely still sea, with the sun only begincrime, no litter - nothing tacky at all, yet it's ning to break through as we reached Tresco.

principal mode of transport between the islands. The informality of the system captures ing and choose your destination for the day.

The boatmen will lay on as many craft as necessary to suit the demand. It may seem an uncertain way to travel around an isolated group of islands - but it seems to work: you rarely hear of anyone being stranded. Special trips include bird or seal-watching jounts to the uninhabited outer islands and rocks, or to Bishop's Rock, and evening rides to follow and cheer on the gig races - a little piece of tradi-tion kept up by the local oarsmen and women.

These brightly coloured pilots' boats, some of them over 150 years old, are probably the only gigs you'll see. If you've got gregarious teenagers who want a disco in the evenings, and are not exactly thrilled by the idea of a walk round the beadland in the rain, (there are few indoor attractions), Scilly is probably not for you. But we regulars all have bean-tin of a castle on Tresco; Bryher's hills and coves and awesome Hell Bay: St Agnes (with its siamese twin Gugh: joined at low tide by a narrow sand bar) and its tearooms and Turk's Head pub.

And all the time there is the sea and the sea-hirds - you come back knowing your black-backed from your herring gulls, your gannets from your terms and of course your cormorants from your shags. You haven't lived until you've seen puffins, clumsy on land hut acrobatic in the air, or watched from a little boat late in the evening for the return of the Manx Sheerwater from a day spent in pretty well all the accommodation is taken. The lodgings limit means that crowds fail to daren't land until its dark, for fear of becoming supper for the gulls.

Holidays in Scilly leave unforgettable

memories. The boat setting off from St not snobhish, exclusive or unwelcoming. but promising a scorching day: a morning Chugging open boats, with captains as spent looking at the impressive arrays of

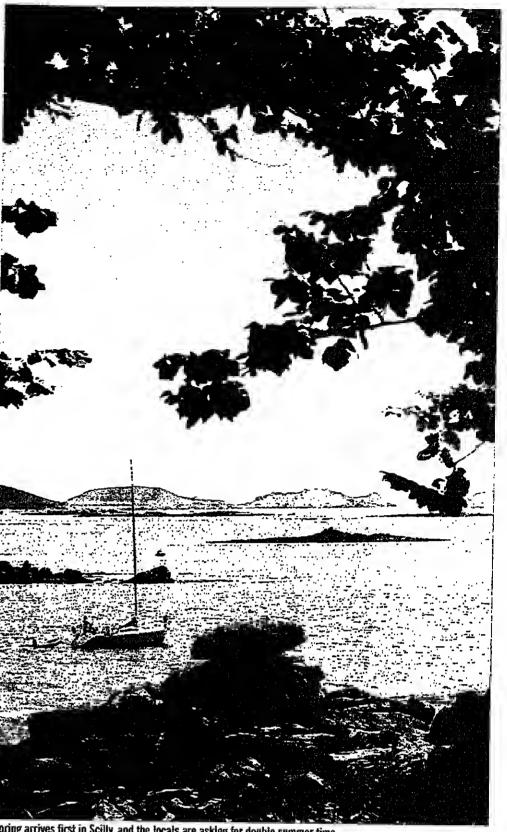
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exotic and tropical plants and trees in the Abhey Gardens, followed by a visit to Valhalla, the resting place for dozens of wooden figureheads and stern plates from wrecked ships; a fish-and-chip suppet in Hugh Town, hefore embarking in the little boats again to follow the gigs. This evening was a "swap race" where each crew had to exchange their familiar gig with the crew from one of the other islands. After a rousing finish, in which the Men-a-Vaur crew won by a length in Golden Eagle, we strolled up to Buzza Hill to watch the sun dipping down into the Atlantic over the twin hills of Samson. Maybe the mystery is not why people return year after year, but why they ever go hack



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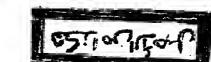
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f you took the recent spate of snowboarding-related advertising to heart, you might think the boarder's world was inhabited solely by danger-loving types: People who jump out of aeroplanes in armchairs, or who like to throw themselves from tall buildings with only a swatch of state-of-theart fabric to stop them hitting the ground. The sort who, according to the ads, like to drink Pepsi Max or fly through Gatwick Airport There are a number of snowboarders who are like that. The self-styled hard core who do it, as an editorial in the snowboarding magazine On Board says, because "the days of the Wild West are long gone". This is why, it says with some justification, sports like surfing, snowboarding and skateboarding graduate from activities to lifestyles".

But there is another, prohably much larger, group of snowboard-ers who are riding on the coat-tails of extreme-sport chic without suffering the potential pratfalls (serious miury, repeated use of the word "man"). This is the soft periphery. where I like to think I belong. We can talk about it a lot, but are only infrequently called to leave the

The six of us, most of whom had skied before but only one of whom. - me - had snowboarded; booked up at the Austrian resort of Zell am See; we'd bought our time-slot in the glamour of the winter sports scene. This is where it's done! I thought, stepping from the bus. There are people here who do it for six months year! And, after hiring a battered old board that had cost more per day than I'd pay to buy it in a secondhand shop back home, and after get-ting into the goodola for the first journey to the top of the mountain,

the cold excitement set in.
On the first morning, thinks I, I would explain to my skiing compadres how the thing is dooe. We would take gondolas and charilifts to the flat top of a 2,000m peak; the, up." He wobiled upright. Then immediately turn in both directions beginners would be mused into a you set off down there stalls, Gets - the hardest part. It gets a lot easstate of snowboarding toddlerdom up]. Turning," I shouted after him, ier when you don't have to go down



Advanced skiers may look good, but snowboarders look better Photos; Skishoot

and it would be downhill from there. Except that Zell am See's chairlifts are exclusively ski-on, skioff affairs that assume a degree of snowboarding competence. So we started at the top of the first gondols, and the top of the black ("dif-ficult") run. There, only Phil was committed to a snowboard. "The plan is," I said to him, "that you lock your boots to the board here [tightens up bindings] and then you stand

"is just a question of pushing the back round! A couple of painful hours later Phil had determined that he oeeded professional help, and hought two hours with Marco, a pony-tailed Austrian instructor. "He told me, Your shoulders are your steering wheel'," said Phil, "and he stands there with his arms spread out, twisting from the waist." It was good advice: Phil could almost immediately turn in both directions

a run on your hands and knees. They say skiing is a dying industry: snowhoarding, on the other hand, is booming. It isn't difficult to see why. Advanced skiers, weaving down a piste with skis and knees in perfect sympathy, look great, but an advanced snowboarder, swaying one way then the other, hands inches above the snow, looks much better. When last 1 went snow-

boarding, in Tignes a few years ago, there were only five or six snowboards out each day. This time, every fourth person on the slopes was on a snowboard, and 75 per cent of those were teenage Europeans in the most stylish snowboard wear. The gear (called Bastard, Pervert. Nuts) draws styles from pop music: it can be as baggy as a New York rapper's, or tight-litting and collarless like a Manchester soiv's. Skiwear looks old by comparison. It's unsurprising that boarders get up a lot of people's noses, and skiers' noses in particular. Snowboarders don't go out of their way to make

resulting in a lighter, stronger board. It also looks superb. The skiing friends. Nick, skiing down a steep-walled gunbarrel of a run, had major manufacturers all have the stuffing knocked out of him by boards that use this technology a teen on a board called Bitch. in next winter's ranges. "Bitch" was sitting up on the side-wall, then without looking pushed himself upright, flipped the board Resorts Places with a variety of terrain will score highly with snow-boarders, as will resorts that get round and shot across the front of Nick's skis, knocking him over, more than their fair share of boots soapping out of his bindings, hat flying, sunglasses smashing on his face. The boarder, further down. powder snow or have vast expanses of off-piste. The more advanced boarder will be looked back, then pushed on. "What impressed by purpose-built happened?" asked a skier who obstacles and jumps. Bulgaria is stopped to help. But Nick later a recommended choice for became a convert. "They're cersnowboarders. It's cheap and the tainly the coolest people on the mountain," he said. "And the packs terrain is awesome. Avonaz and Les Arcs in France have always of kids - they're like packs of wolves. They sit there on the side of the slopes watching, then suddenly all get up and set off together. I loved it." Phil said: "I'd definitely do it again." John said: "I wish I'd learnt

when I was younger, when falling down wasn't so hard." Richard.

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Duty free in Italy

Italian ski resorts are cur- and contented myself with to the weak lira. But one petrol. stands out - in principle, at least - as being better value than the rest: Livigno, a large village isolated in a on goodies bought in Livihigh, remote valley close to the Swiss border.

enclave. What you might expect the resort's status to mean is that prices would generally be lower than in other Italian resorts, In practice, the difference in is slight: when I travelled from Livigno to the nearby resort of Bormio last winter, lunch on the mountain and an après-ski beer seemed to cost much the same in both.

Perhaps a serious spirits drinker would reach a difreal difference between like Bormio is the duty-free resort's heavyweight shopping opportunities. The long main street and its side-shoots are flanked by smart clothes shops, camera and video shops, perfume shops and, of course, ski shops. And, yes, the prices are temptingly low.

When I was there, one of my fashion-conscious companions filled a small suitcase with new shirts, trousers and sweaters. Whether they actually represented quite the savings he perceived, we'll never know, (Stroll down the main street of any Italian resort these days and you're likely to be impressed by at least some of the prices.)

But the same companion also studied ski equipment. and calculated handsome savings on a set of Salomon skis and bindings; sadly. after all). I was sorely tempted by a Nikon com-

irently good value, thanks a tankful of duty-free I was deterred partly by

nagging doubts about the liability to pay duty and tax gno when you take them elsewhere. My subsequent Livigno is a duty-free conversations with HM Customs and Excise have not been exactly conclusive. but it does seem that goods bought in Livigno are treated just like goods bought in a duty-free shop the everyday cost of living at an airport or on a Channel ferry; you're allowed to import a few quid's worth. but you soon start to pay the appropriate tax and

The situation is slightly complicated by the need to import your goodies into "mainland" Italy or ferent conclusion. But the Switzerland hefore bringing them home. In princi-Livigno and neighbours ple, it is possible to defer the payment of duty until you return home. Whether in practice you can count on the average Italian or go along with this is doubt-ful.

But I dare say that most people who buy a camera, a bag of clothes or a pair of skis in Livigno have no intention of paying any duty. Naturally, I couldn't possihly encourage such behaviour. But if that's your plan you may wish to know that I found the Italian border guards more vigilant than the Swiss.

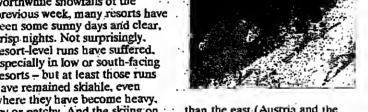
Perhaps Swiss duty-evaders look first to their own duty-free enclave of Sanmaun, on the Austrian border (and sharing a ski area with Ischgl). They thereby save the cost of changing francs into lire hut, of course, they also lose the advantage of low the skis he wanted were Italian prices. For hargainsold out (this was March, hunting British skiers, a hetter alternative is Andorra, in the Pyrenees, pact camera on sale for where the savings on duty perhaps £50 less than in do seem to translate into Britain, But in the end I, lower har prices as well as too, kept my plastic dry, lower shop prices.

Snow report

t has been a great week in the Alps, at least for people skiing at high altitude. In the wake of the worthwhile snowfalls of the previous week, many resorts have seen some sunny days and clear, crisp nights. Not surprisingly. resort-level runs have suffered. especially in low or south-facing resorts - but at least those runs have remained skiahle, even where they have become heavy. icy or patchy. And the skiing on higher slopes, where temperatures have remained lower, has been excellent. The snowfalls of ten days ago favoured the western Alps (France and western Italy) rather



than the east (Austria and the Dolomites), but right now, wherever in the Alps you look. altitude is the key to the best conditions. Here in Verbier, the streets are clear of snow but



there's a foot of snow on the

chalet roofs, and the mountain is in excellent shape. As I write on Friday morning, the weather is changing, with lower temperatures and more cloud, at least in Switzerland, with a light snowfall just beginning. Meanwhile, the Pyrenees are still offering superb skiing, and the eastern European resorts are fully open even if the lower runs are getting a bit thin. Conditions in the USA and Canada are excellent, with fresh snow in the last few days right across the western US - there are reports of spectacular depths of snow in Utah (Park City and Snowhird, for example), in particular.

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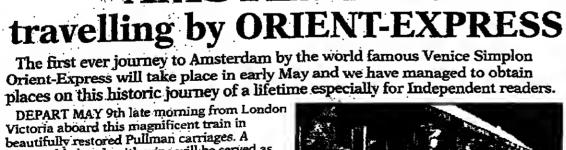
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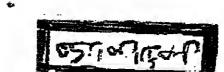
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Well, quite. But I don't want to have my holiday wrecked by invasions from Hello! I want private luxury, true get-away-from-it-all glamour. So I flew away from Barbados in a nine-seater Cessna and went to the tiny island of Mustique.

There's just one landing strip, carved out between high, heavily wooded mountains. There are no night flights; in emergencies, people on the island simply drive along to the airport and line their cars up with the headlights full on, to provide illumination. The airport itself is a small hut with a bench for Customs, and, weirdly, a lending library, two bamboo bookshelves stacked with titles such as Fishing with Ray Bergman. And that's it. Celebrity marriages? I don't think so. The paparazzi have their cameras removed on arrival. Welcome to the most exclusive island in the Caribbean.

Mustique was put on the map by Princess Margaret who was given a plot of land here as a wedding present by Colin Tennant. Tennant had bought the three-mile long island in 1959 for £43,000. It was a lot of money for not very much; an empty wilderness with no fresh water and a rampaging population of mosquitoes (hence the name). But Tennant had a vision and in subsequent years he managed to woo the talented, the artistic and the mega-rich from all over the world in order to achieve it.

Margaret built a villa on her plot of land and brought her social set along for Christmas, Gradually, they too bought their own plots of land and built their yillas; and thus began the history of Mustique's glittering planes. The houses aren't built on the way service stauon.



Yes, it's expensive. But such is the experience that you only need two or three days on the Caribbean Island to feel like a superstant

beaches. They don't need to be. These people have their own pools, their own jacuzzis; hey, they even come equipped with golfsimulation cinemas equipped just so you can practise your swing. Who lives here? Oh, the Jaggers, royalty, Swiss hankers. Serious money. "Didn't you know that David Bowie's just sold up, for four?" Four what? Thousands? Hundreds of thousands? "No, stupid. Millions," In Mustique, everyone

speaks in multiples of six zeros.

For mere mortals, Mustique is probably the best place in the world where you can still play at being a superstar for a week. More private club than resort, this is one place in the Caribbean where parties from cruise ships are not welcome. There's only one hotel, for a start. The Cotton House, an 18th-century coral and stone cotton warehouse that was taken over by Tennant and used as his HQ in the Sixties, is now a deluxe hotel and centre of the island's social scene.

Decorated in a somewhat outrageous style by the theatrical designer Oliver blue skies frame multi-million dollar houses main building, and a reputation for service thanks to frequent visits from sprayer hotel to something approximating a motor-

Oh yes, there's all the regular luxuries like tropical flowers in the bedroom, ice-buckets changed regularly and cocktails on arrival, but lunch brought by hand to whichever beach you desire? Surely some mistake? Not at all. If you wish to pretend that you're in some Fleming-esque fantasy, you can do so. A hrief word at breakfast by the pool is all that's necessary. So after a morning swim-ming, snorkelling or going for a gallop along one of the island's pure white, combed beaches, you simply plonk yourself down at the appointed side with a yourself plenty of factor 25 and wait for nourishment. At

the pre-arranged moment, it will arrive. British people not used to this sort of treatment might find Mustique hard to swallow. It's also rather expensive: the price for a room for two per night can rival the cost of your transatlantic flight. But you only need two or three days here, so intense is the experience. After lunch on the beach, full English tea is served in the main dining room. The room still has Colin Tennant's arrival. Brushed beaches, clipped grass and dotted about the grounds surrounding the cowrie shells are flanked by Indian chests and stuffed birds in glass cases. Every in a guaranteed mosquito-free atmosphere that relegates the average five-star British day at tea-time, triangular sandwiches arrive on trays, plus petits fours, banana bread and Caribbean tea with condensed milk.

Every Tuesday night the management of the Cotton House invites hotel guests and anyone else currently staying on the island, to a cocktail party. Unlike with most "drinks with the management "invitations, everyone turns up. Mustique is so small and the amusements on the island are so limited, that there's not much else to do. So you could end up having drinks with Mick Jagger, Spike Lee, David and Serena Lin-ley, and Billy Joel, all at the same time. Then you get invited to pop back to their pads for dinner. It happens. "Don't take it too seriously," we are warned, "Casual, informal elegance. Wear your little black dress if you like, but with bare feet," Bare feet? For dancing on the beach. But don't forget to have a pedicure.

Rosie Millard paid £300 for a London-Barbados ticket through Golden Lion Travel (01293 567800). The Treasure Beach in Barbados and the Cotton House in Mustique are both bookable in the UK through Unique Hotels (01453 835801). At Treasure Beach, the cheapest room until 12 April is £278 without meals; from 13 April, the price halves to £134. From now until mid-April, a deluxe room at the Cotton House costs £370 half-board including tax. Duning the low season (16 April-15 December), the price falls to £253.

something to declare



A likely story

"Privatisation will result in maintained consistency in our on-time performance" — LIAT Islander, the intlight magazine of Leeward Islands Air Transport

This claim, if true, is not good. news for those accustomed to LIAT's consistent unreliability. But afficionados of the Caribbean's uniquely unpredictable airline will be relieved to hear that the recent sell-off has does nothing to change its style. Over the years stranded passengers have had ample ume to invent alternatives for its acronym: Leaving Island Any Time, Luggage tn Another Terminal or, Late If At All.

A recent trip through the Eastern Caribbean reminded me of why the airline inspires a BR-style mix of affection and loathing among its users. Its most quixotic habit is not to display departure times, since this would make it a hostage to fortune. One therefore depends on announcements, which are normally inaudible and timed to coincide with the arrival of an incoming jet. In St Kitts, one announcement announced that an announcement would shortly tell us what had happened to our missing plane, Departing passengers have been known to rush out onto

the tarmac in pursuit of a departing plane, only to find it was an entirely different service, equally unannounced. Once on board, don't be sur-

prised by a few unscheduled island slops en route. Conversely, if nobody else wants to go to the same island as you. market forces may prevail and your destination may be dropped allogether - an element of lastminute suspense in every flight. On the plus side, LIAT has

a good safety record, its little Twin Oners landing on some of the world's shortest and scariest airstrips. Its Airpass and Explorer deals allow you to do some extensive island-hopping at a reasonable price and connect you to some otherwise inaccessible destinations.

Privatisation may turn LIAT into a streamlined, efficient operation. There again, the hig new shareholder is none other than British West Indian Airways (BWIA), itself not famed for scrupulous punctuality. The omens are not promising.

James Ferguson

Trouble spots

This week's advice from our man in the Foreign

Russia: the advice remains the same as it was before this week's killing of British businessman in a St Petersburg hotel, "Incidents of mugging, theft and pickpocketing are increasing in all cities, especially St Petersburg and Moscow. Be vigilant and dress down. Be particularly wary in Moscow of groups of young vagrants.

Sri Lanka: "Fighting is continuing in the north and east. Do not visit these areas, The south and centre. including all the main tourist areas and the 'Cultural Triangle', remain largely information may be obtained direct from the British High Commission in Colombo Itel 437336, fax 430308).

Yemen: "Armed theft of vehicles, particularly of fourwheel-drive models, is not uncommon. The risk of random kidnapping remains. In January 1996 a group of French tourists was held. As in other incidents the tourists were released unharned after several days. There remains some danger from mines laid during the civil war in the southern and eastern governornates."

Ethiopia: "Visitors should confine themselves to the recognised tourist areas including the Rift Valley lakes. Addis Ababa and the Highland tourist route. Avoid travel after dark and take accommodation only in the

Foreign Office travel advice is available on 0171-270 4129; on BBC-2 Ceefax page 564 unwards; and on the Internet at http://www.fco.gov.uk/

Bargain of the week

Pricing a fly-drive holiday to America can be a slippery business; often the extras add up to more than the basic air fare. But Jetset (0990) 555757) says its April special to California will cost precisely £319, plus \$15 (£10) payable locally for state tax. The deal is and unlimited mileage.

based on two people travelling together. It provides Heathrow-Los Angeles flights on Air New Zealand between 11 and 29 April, and a week's ear rental. The price includes including taxes, collision damage waiver, airport surcharges

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Last station: Gunnislake

Simon Calder travels on a coast-embracing branch line that, miraculously, has escaped the cuts

evon and Cornwall have some glorious railways, such as the elegant, lazy are carved around St Michael's Bay by the Penzance train, and the coast-embracing line from Teignmouth to Dawlish. But the real afficionado is travelling on one of the shorter, stubbier stretches.

There are two ways to travel to Cornwall by train, and the thousands of bolidaymakers rumbling across Brunel's strident Royal Albert Bridge aboard InterCity 125s have chosen the lesser option. Seekers of scenery, railway history and solitude choose the Tamar Valley line.

Quite how this 14-mile zig-zag of track has survived round after round of railway cuthacks is hard to explain. On the day last week when I travelled on it, we passengers played out a 2-2 draw with the crew. Even at the frightful cost of 27 pence a mile I was paying, it is hard to see how Regional Railways can keep the line going.
Yet six days a week (and on summer

Sundays), a two-coach train sets off from Plymouth to explore the river valley that

divides Devon from Cornwall. You plod rious main line. "Up trains" to London through the sorry cityscapes punctuated by pauses at Dockvard and Devonport. through stations whose antiquated names are sometimes longer than the platform needed for these two-coach shuttles: St Budeaux Victoria Road takes its place with Lympstone Commando among the more ambitiously named Devonian stations.

Your train diverts from the line leading across the Tamar here, and immediately the tone changes. The austere suhurbs give way to grand views across to Cornwall - a collage of steeply wooded slopes sliding into sharp, black water.

In its promotional material, the railway company erroneously describes it as "One of England's loveliest hranch lines". Yet only the last short segment was originally a hranch. The stretch as far as Bere Alston, a truly heroic link between Plymouth and London, was built by the London & South Western Railway. Bere Alston was Devon's own Clapham Junction, where the Gunnislake hranch darted off from the imperieher.

wheezed uphill towards Tavistock and skirted around the northern fringe of Dartmoor to reach the capital. Now the sole purpose of the station is as a reversing point, from which the train sets off to cross the Taniar into Cornwall.

Calstock could be the epicentre of the heritage industry, its sturdy cortages sim-pering prentily beneath the arm of a mathematically exact viaduct across the river. That the first village in Cornwall manages to clude the twee in favour of the Newtonian perfection of the viaduct is evident to everyone except passengers. Your £3.80 ticket entitles you to get off, look around and wait two hours for the next train.

The last two miles along the Gunnislake branch climbs several hundred feet into the Cornish hills. The train hauls itself into a station which is more municipal car park than great railway terminus. We passengers alight, leaving Regional Railways £7.60 hetter off - hut us tourists much the

The Waterways of Russia

I he opening of the waterways between St Peters-hurg and Moscow allows us to link a visit to two great cities with a relaxing cruise that travels the Neva River, Lake Ladoga, the Svir River, Lake Onega, the Baltic Canal, White Lake, the Volga River and finally the Moscow and Volga Canal, This intricate system of waterways has a heauty that is hard to describe. Serene, peaceful and timeless with silver birch and pine forests, sandy shores, calm flowing water and spectacular late sunsets, in these realms of the 'White Nights'. Calls will be at such historic towns as Liglich, where the blue cupolas decorated with the golden stars of the riverside church make a stunning landmark. For this journey we have selected the MS Karamzin

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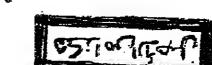
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road test Alfa Romeo



There are things you probably Texpect from an Alfa Romeo, even if you have no personal experience. You expect it to look good, you'll have heard dark mutterings from enthusiasts that Alfas handle well. and you probably imagine them in red like Ferraris, Most importantly, you expect a great engine, because that's what gives an Alfa its Cuore Sportivo – its sporting heart.

Into the range-topping Cloverleaf goes the 150bhp two-litre twin-spark straight four which, along with fab styling. forms the foundation of the current Alfa renaissance. On to that is bolted a new five-speed gearbox, while the suspension is lowered by 10mm all round, fattet rubber is fitted and the steering improved.

Around town, sufficient low-rev urge and a blacklash-free driveline make the Cloverleaf a doddle to drive, while out on the windy bits the engine reaches eagerly for 6500rpm with a pleasing mechanical fizz. Responsive and refined, it is swift and handles even better than its booted sister, the 146ti. A cracking motor car.

James May

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Fiat is reversing the trend of using the Third World as a dumping ground for outdated models

By Gavin Green

estern car makers' attitudes old cars is over." o the developing world have ong been simple and cynithem off to Third World countries. New life is given to old dogs, and instead of intensive factories, it is easy to make, a burial, car makers can enjoy renewed bounty.

Most car makers play the game. Rover recently flogged off the hopeless Maestro to the Romanians, and the Montego to the Indians, where it will join the last old duffer Rover pensioned off to the sub continent: the 1950s Mormotors. ris Oxford, aka the Hindustan Ambas-

Fiat, though, is the master of giving developing countries overdone cars. East Europe, the Middle East, Asia and South America arc full of old Fiats with funny hadges. Until recently, Ladas were simply yesterday's Fiats: ditto FSO (made in Poland). VAZ (Russia). Seat (Spain). Yugo and Zastava (Yugoslavia) and Premier (India). Old Fiats are also the market leaders in Israel, Turkey. Morocco, Brazil and Argentina, and are increasingly popular in Vietnam,

Now, Fiat is about to give its network of Third World satellites a modern car. beginning to make profit. But the mar-It's not just any car, either. In one of the most ambitious plans ever seen in cars sold a year - only slightly smaller the motor industry. Fiat is about to than the UK. France or Italy] and it's launch a new "world car" specifically growing." Fiat expects to make designed and engineered for Third World markets. The Fiat Palio meets First World safety and pollution stan- tries. dards, and looks and drives in a modern manner. Within five years, Fiat expects to make a million Palios a year. That will make it the world's higgest a local partner, soon. selling car.

Fiat's chief executive. Paolo Cantarella, blames CNN for forcing First World car makers to give the Third World first-rate cars. "Satellite

The Palio, similar in size to a Fiat Punto, is a brand new design. It will be cal; when their cars cease to available in six variants; three- and fivebe competitive in First door hatches, a four-door saloon, an World markets, they flog estate, a pick-up and a van. Because it will frequently be assembled in labourwith as few parts as possible. Body and suspension strength, to cope with poor quality roads, were both priorities, as are low running costs and easy maintenance. Engines vary from 1.0-10 1.6litre petrol units, and a 1.8 and a 1.9 diesel. They are Fiat's latest generation

> Cantarella says Fiat is putting so much effort into Third World markets because that's where the hig growth is. "In 1984, 35 million cars were made in North America, Japan and Western Europe; six million were made elsewhere. By 2004, the figure for Japan, North America and Western Europe rises to 39 million. But for the rest of the world, it should jump to 20 million. We want as big a share of that growth

> The Palio first goes on sale in Brazil, in May. "Brazil is our key market," says Cantarella. "We've heen there for 20 years, and are only now ket is now quite big [about 1.5 million 250,000 Palios a year in Brazil. Many will be exported to neighbouring coun-

Fiat is also in advanced discussions with the Chinese government, and hopes to announce a joint venture, with

Palios will also be assembled (although major parts will be imported) in Venezuala. South Africa, Egypt. Morocco, and possibly, Indonesia and Chile. Palios will be identical, no mat-TV makes it clear to developing coun-tries that there's a better breed of car minor differences in engine tune (due available elsewhere. The days when to local fuel requirements), suspension Third World countries are happy with settings (due to the roughness of roads)



and on whether they're left or righthand drive.

Cantarella admits that the move is a risky one. "Third World markets have heen notoriously unstable, but the risks are getting lower. International TV puts tremendous pressure on governments to act responsibly. It reduces the risk of revolutions."

None the less, one major market where Frat is not risking Palio is Russia. Cantarella says the future there is too unpredictable, although that may

China, he says, offers tremendous promise, but is very long-term, "There are one hillion people there who want mobility. Surely, some time in the future, they will get to the car ownership level of a country such as Portugal - one car for every four people. It may take 20 years or 50 years. But I think it's important to get in there now."

India, at least in the medium term. will offer more riches. "India already has a car sales and distribution infra-

structure, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a large middle class who can afford cars. India is very exciting. By 2020, it could be the biggest car mar-ket in the world. It is the market about which I'm most excited - and is much more important than trying to have another go at the US market [where Fiat was driven out by the Japanesel, or to sell more cars in Japan. These are crowded, complicated markets. We're conceotrating on the future, not

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Don't knock the Eighties. There is plenty to thank them for

Cars in those days were brash but superbly made. That's why James Ruppert drives a 1985 Mark 2 Gold GTT

in case you hadn't noticed, stronger than ever. the Eighties have made a comeback. The media are pumping out articles, books and TV programmes telling us all how greedy, naff and naughty it all was.

But in purely automotive terms there is lots to thank the Eighties for. It was almost the last chance for cars to be uncompromised. unapologetic, and as a result they were full of real character. A roll-call of hooligan supercars for the newly monied masses includes the hottest hatchback of them all, the Lancia Integrale. Developed to win international rallies, which it did, the surplus was released at the end of the decade to an appreciative huying public. John Whalley, a Lancia spe-cialist, explains: "The demand for these models is incredible. Where else could you buy a car like this for £10,000?"

A turbo cbarger, with four-wheel drive and racing pedigree don't come cheap. Unless that is you prefer the common or garden looks of a Ford Sicrra with the outrageous performance of a Cosworth. Insurance problems aside, these saloon cars come with the obligatory turbo and four-wheel drive hardware, but at Ford Fiesta prices. The classifieds turn up several examples at between £4,000 and £6,000.

Best of all, the Eighties was when the hot hatch wars reached meltdown. Every manufacturer jumped on the marketing bandwagon by glueing GTi on the tailgate, but dynamically plenty were a let down. The French in particular responded enthusiastically to the challenge of putting dangerously exciting things into ever to find me a nice 944 for between £8,000 to £12,000. I'm tempted. Even normally sober Gersmaller packages. Hence the man manufacturers like terrifying quick Renault 5
GT Turbo and the fragile, with models which quickhut fun, 205 GTi. The de-, ened the pulse. There was mand for these cars is now the four-wheel drive and

Wandering around car

dealers in SW19 is like slipping back to the Eighties. At the independent Motor Company, there were 13 Peugeot 205 GTis and just two of them made this decade. Prices from £2,000 to £4,000, while a couple of 5GT Turbos could be bought for under £3,000. Over at nearby Tudor Price there were more Peugeots, some Fiat Uno Turbos - an underrated if flimsy hot hatch - and one of the last Renault 5GT Turbos. On sale for £5,000, it looks brand new. Above all though, the

Eighties was the golden age of German motors. I should know, because I sold BMW 3 series by the showroom full. That iconic car has nevbeen huilt better. In those days an M3 really was an M3, all exotic left-hand drive, tearaway looks and an engine donated by a Formula 1 car. Prices of original M3s are climbing as buyers of new models discover how lacking in character they are. At L&C in Tunbridge Wells a 1988 model seemed expensive, £13,9995, but interest

was running high.
Over in Stuttgart during the "greed is good" decade the Porsche 911 hit a sort of inflationary spiral, as turbo versions tickled six-figure values. By contrast the 944 went quietly about its business as the work hard, play hard car. You don't have to be a banker to drive one either, running costs are con-tainable and reliability is excellent. Michael Ticehurst, a Porsche specialist, offers

Audi and Mercedes came up

turbocharged Audi Quattro Turbo, a coupe with real character. Mercedes had its own upmarket version of the Sierra Cosworth with the 190 16V. But the best Teutonic thing about the Eighlies was

the Volkswageo golf GII.
Butt of a million Sloaney gags, it was the best hot hatch ever built, which is why I dri-ve a 1985 Mark 2 Gold GTI. Just to make sure I borrowed an original 1979 example and the latest 1996 model. The Seventies Golf was borrowed from Tim Stiles Racing in Somerset. On sale for £2.500 it was in superb condition, proving to be fast, noisy and fun. The new Nineties GTI was slow, soft and soporific. Only my own 85 on a B'GII combined fun with refinement. Acer looked, performed, or cording to Tim Stiles, demand for the older GTI is such that he is rebuilding them to customer specifications, with prices starting at £10,000.

I am not alone in sticking to Eighties cars. A friend with a five-figure buying budget can't find a Nineties car to replace his 1986 BMW M5, so he's not going to bother. The evidence against Nineries cars is overwhelming. Build quality is worse, both VW and BMW experienced problems with their new 3 series and Golf. Nineties cars have lots of superfluous electronics and gadgets waiting to go wrong. Not surprisingly, used values of all the most sought-after Eighties models are firm and, in some cases, rising.

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And the walls came crumbling down

When oil fever came to a small Lancashire community hope sprang eternal. Then the vibrations started. By Jim White

ne day in April 1987 Alyson Guest was sitting on the lava-tory in of the flat she was rentng at one end of a creaking old stone farmhouse in the middle of the Lancashire moor country. Suddenly, and for no apparent reason, she was thrown from the seat by severe wohbling coming from within the porcelain. Leaping up and standing astonished on the other side of the room, Ms Guest noticed that the lavatory, which was bolted directly into the ground, vibrated for some time as if directly wired to a small nuclear power

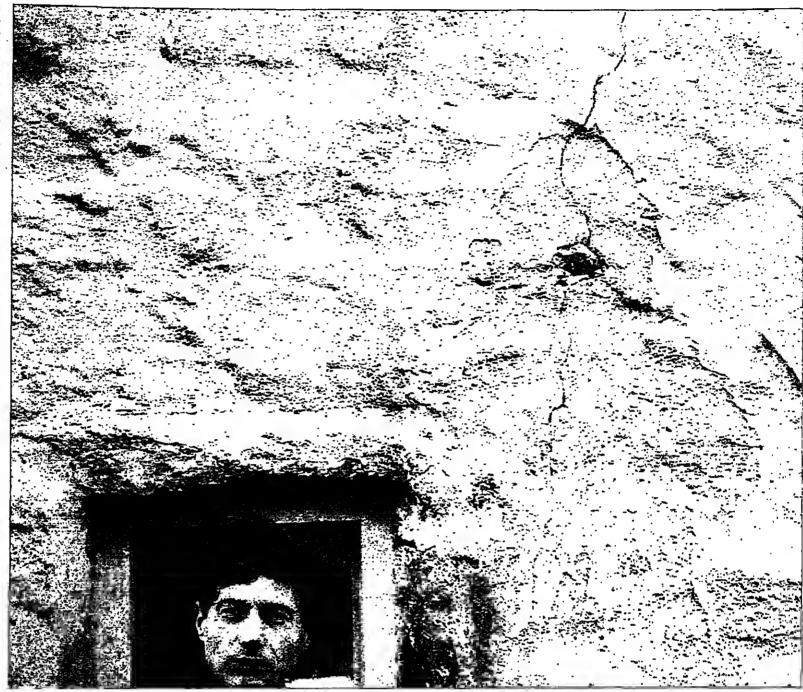
The vibrations were so severe it was quite impossible to continue," she said, of the task in hand.

Recovering from her shock, and alerted by a rumbling noise outside, Ms Guest ran out into the lane which runs along the front of the house in time to see three trucks slowly wending their way towards the village of Slaidburn. She noted the name on the hack of one of the lorries and returned to her husiness.

The following weekend, Christopher Wenner, a member of the family who owns the house and uses one wing for holidays, came to stay. He noticed, as he turned his car into the yard hehind the house that the drystone walls which flanked the lane on either side of the huilding had collapsed. Worse was to follow, opening the front door he was immediately struck by extensive wave-like cracking in previously sound walls and ceilings. There was more severe damage, too: big cracks running up the back of the house, which passed straight through the lintel stones under a couple of windows. One internal split was sufficiently expansive for the water pipes running behind the plaster to be exposed. Wenner was astonished at the damage, which looked as if the whole house had been picked up and shaken. He immediately asked Alyson Guest if anything unusual had hap-pened around the place recently. Well, she said, there was the time she was thrown off the lavatory by these unac-countable vibrations. And then there were the lorries.

Laytham's Farm is over 350 years old, a house built without foundations in the same way as dry-stone walls, with a time in-fill and plaster on the exterior. In several places the outside walls ping. It is not, as any casual observer might take note, the strongest of constructions.

Nevertheless it commands a magnificent view over the Forest of Bowland to one side and the Hodder Valley to the other. Looking across the fells on a February morning, with the wind whipping the trees as if bent on a mission of revenge, you might think there is not a lot out there on the bleak, hattered fells that anyone would he interested in. But in April 1987, Enterprise Oil, the great soccess com-



Martin Wenner and one of the cracks in his cottage caused by seismic sounding

pany of the Eighties (which in 1990

TV series The Beverly Hill-Billies, when Jed Clampett goes out shootin' at some food, and up from the ground comes a bubblin crude, if there was oil round Bowland way it was well out of gunshot range. So Enterprise contracted a firm called Simon Horizon. who had in their possession several Vibroseis wagons. À German machine with an enormous circular pad like a giant dustbin lid strapped to its undercarriage, the lorry moves into position.

then winches itself up off its wheels was named as paying its staff more allowing all its three tons to press ful and attentive employee of the than anyone else in Britain) were down on the pad. The pad then company, called Mr Aspinall, arrived are bolted together with metal strap- very interested in the place. They vibrates vigorously, enabling sound at Laytham's. He took a look round. thought they sniffed oil. waves to pass through the ground to unoted the splits in the pavement outradius of four. The name on the truck Alyson Guest had spotted was Simon Horizon.

It didn't take Chris Wenner long to put together a theory as to why his house suddenly resembled a lump of Stilton. Local gossip in Slaidburn was full of oil talk, the seismic soundings and how everyone would henefit when the place was full of free-spending Texans.

Wenner thought he ought to contact Enterprise and see what they had to

were given guidelines, don't vibrate within 100 metres of vulnerable buildings; and the schedule of work he showed Wenner revealed that a testing had been done on the lane right outside Laytham's, the front wall of which is only two metres from the tarmac. An open and shut case, Wenner thought.

Nearly nine years later, Martin Wenner - Christopher's brother - stands in the kitchen of Lavtham's with a briefcase full of documentation.

"Our costs so far," he says, waving about a wad of papers, many of them tied with legal red ribbon, "have touched £30,000. And still there is no

sign of a settlement."

When you engage with a large corporation over a matter of compensation, they will more easily stand the legal costs of a long-running case than you can.
"After Mr Aspinall had been we

thought that was it," says Martin. "And then he rang to say, sorry, there was nothing he could do. The matter was being taken out of his hands and put with the legal department. If we wanted compensation, we'd have to sue." And then the costs began to tick up like a taxi fare in a traffic jam; £750 for an architect's report, £3,500 for a structural surveyor's report, £10,0000 for a top-notch solicitor and £5.500 for an engineering survey of the house. The survey found that "it is reasonable to conclude that the seismic survey caused damage to stone structures in the area."

"And we've had to spend money on repairing as much as we can, otherwise the house would have collapsed although we have been forced to leave some of the damage unattended, as evidence," says Martin, standing by a crack he had just discovered hiding behind a radiator, through which a stiff breeze whistles.

There have been farcical moments in the Wenners' nine year Bleak House experience of suit and brief, such as the time the sub-contractors sought to have the case struck off on the grounds that it had not been filed within the statutory limitation period.

"It had," says Martin, "But of course a judge had to hear their case, then throw it out which inevitably caused yet more delay. We're still waiting for a date when a judgement can be reached. And the longer we wait, the more it will cost us.

Meanwhile, by a bizarre coincidence. Martin, who is an actor, landed a part in the television series Roughnecks. playing an oil company explorations executive. As a piece of extended method-acting research, this was in the

"I certainly knew what I was talking about," he says. "And then we had to film out on an oil platform which turned out to be owned by, yes you've guessed it, Enterprise Oil. I feel they have invaded every aspect of my life." When we contacted Enterprise about the affair, their helpful spokesman said that while the company accepted liability for the damage caused to the Wenner property during the explo-ration in the Hodder Valley, court proceedings were required to settle the amount of compensation due (though there has never been a written admission of liability). And as yet there was no date for such proceedings.

"If they are saying that," says Martin, in the resigned tone of one who knows the answer. "Why on earth couldn't the thing have been settled nine years ago when it would have cost about a tenth of what it will cost now? Incidentally, during the survey of the Hodder Valley, no oil was found.

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indeed the company had contracted a full-time waller to make good any

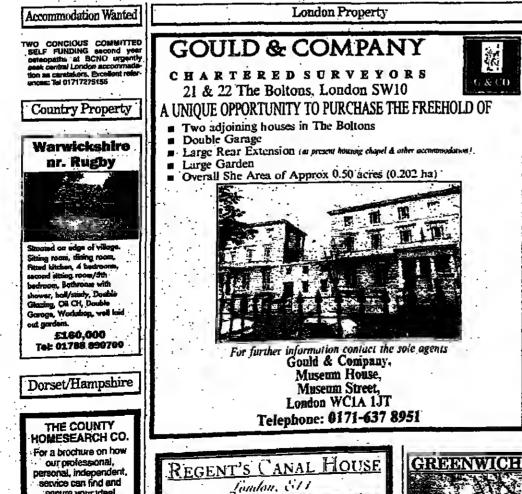
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(hence the manner in which the Wen-

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Besides, he added, the sub-contractors

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PEP is limited.

obody who opens a newspaper these days can doubt that this is the time of year for personal cquity plans, or PEPs. With the end of the tax year barely a month away, the marketing effort by providers of PEPs is at its customary annual

As a nation, it seems, most of us are unable to do anything with potential tax benefits until the last minute, and the suppliers of PEPs are oaturally doing all they can to cash in on this most human of failings.

There is nothing much wrong with that. It is clear that PEPs have proved a worthwhile innovation since they were launched a few years ago. True, their global impact on savings patterns has heen fairly marginal. The majority of people still prefer the security of building society savings schemes, such as Tessas, to the potential rollercoaster ride of UK and European stockmarkets. But they have done a good deal to increase public awareness of the value of pooled equity investment.

The "tax-free" tag is a powerful marketing tool, even if for most investors the actual gains from putting their equity investments in a PEP is limited. For a long time, high charges ate up most of the tax savings investors made on their dividend payments. The people who really benefit from PEPs are those who have capital gains tax liabilities to shield, and that is still not a large num-

Overall, in a buoyant equity market, the arrival of PEPs has made a sizeable splash, vacuuming up tens of billions of pounds since their launch in 1987. The scale of investment bas also been boosted by concessions from a succession of Chancellors.

The growing competition to provide low cost no frills PEPs - for example, index-tracking funds – is one of the most encouraging develop-ments. The problem facing most investors now is that the choice of Peps has become bewilderingly

The latest guide by Chase de Vere, for example, lists no fewer than 1,190 different Peps, and picking the right one is no easy task. This is caused by the determination on the part of fund managers



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plying the confusion of choice. Increasing numbers of financial advisers are becoming concerned

at the problem. The charges are still more opaque than they should be. The new disclosure rules designed to make charges more transparent do not come into: force until later this year. In any event, proposals by the regulator – the Personal Investment
Authority – were judged to be so limp that they
bave been vetoed by the Office of Fair Trading
Looking at a recent survey by consultants Wat-

son Wyatt, it is interesting to see which names have done best in attracting funds in the different sectors. In the index-tracking sector, for example, where Fidelity has just joined the competition. Legal & General has attracted the most funds - £368m at the end of last year - its distribution network putting it ahead of Gartmore, Virgin, Midland and Morgan Grenfell.

Index tracking funds will, it seems certain, do very well over the next few years, and as this is essentially a commodity market, you will expect the hulk of the funds to go to firms that can provide the cheapest product, or have some other reason - such as the Virgin brand - for winning a customer following.

Trackers, are by definition supposed to follow panies will tell you that each of them does it in a way designed to ensure better investment returns. Even so, if you've seen one tracker, you've seen them all, or just about, which is why these funds compete on price.

Among the higher income PEPs, the biggest funds, in order, are M&G, Clerical Medical, Newton, Schroders, Perpetual and Allied Dunbar. It - almost identical to those of their rivals, multi- three of the best specialist stock-picking fund of the public at a suitable price.

management groups (M&G, Newton and Per-

In this sector there seems to have been little competition so far on price. Nearly all have relatively high initial charges and pay good commissions to intermediaries, but their performance bas also been good, so presumably investors are mostly happy to pay the extra costs.
or may be masware of how much they are being

The investment trust PEP table shows that of the trusts which responded to the survey, the one that had attracted most funds is none of the better known names, but Alliance, the Dundee-based investment trust company which is the byword for Scottish parsimony.

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- This is a quality, in my opinion, which investors should rate more highly than they sometimes do. The two investment trusts Alliance runs have done well for their shareholders fo many years - nothing flashy, but solid, consistent performance at or above the market average - and rightly have a

Investment trust PEPs generally are cheaper than their unit trust equivalents, but have long suffered from a lower profile in marketing. Apart from Alliance, other substantial investment trust PEP funds are those run by Schroders, Murray Johnstone and Dunedin (which is in the process of being taken over by Edinburgh Fund Man-

Overall, the lists of successful PEP providers prompts two thoughts. One is that the market is still quite highly differentiated, with each sector

having its own market leaders.

The second is that, while PEPs generally are much better value than they were, there is still massive scope for costs to fall. What it needs is the market, although of course individual com- for customers to start flexing their muscles and to demand greater information and cost competitiveness from providers.

May independent financial advisers do a good job in assessing the relative performance of different fund providers. Some have access to professional specialist fund rating services that provide detailed information on all the different PEPs and their managers. But what we still lack in this to pull in as much money as they can. To do this, is hard to discern much of a pattern there, country is a similarly specialist service for the retail they launch funds that are -despite all their claims although it is interesting that they loclode at least market which can be bought directly by members

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Why do so few people seem to have come across self-invested personal pensions?

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A day in the life of a financial adviser

the last few months, who have had to sort out their pension arrangements. I find it quite surprising that so few people have come across self-invested personal pensions (or SIPPs).

These are like normal personal pensions, but the investments may be chosen on an individual basis rather than relying on the funds of any one insurance company.

adviser to pick investment managers who have consistently outperformed the market in each specific area of the world. They also allow the option of investing in property that one may then use to run

have had a number of medical discovery and wanted clients in to see me over to exploit this new idea. He wanted to buy premises in the Chatham area of Kent, but was short of capital. He decided to transfer out of his NHS pension scheme and invest part of the funds in a commercial property from which he could run his business.

The remaining two-thirds were invested in a with-profit fund, which smooths investment returns in good times and bad, in order to provide This allows the financial a safe return for the future.

Because rents in the Chatham area vary considerably, he was able to charge himself a low rent at the start with the prospect of a substantial increase after a few years. Because the property

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rent he paid, was 18 per cent. The next client, Fiona, was in a similar position, but it was her husband, Henry, who ran his business from expensive rented accommodation and wished to reduce his rent.

We made use of Fiona's pension fund to purchase two industrial units for £40,000. Henry paid rent of £4,000 for one unit and managed to lea the other for a similar sum. business activities or rent out. price was low, the initial This gave Fiona a really good The first client had made a return for his pension, the return for her pension fund, usual scheme's transfer from per cent to £12,000.

just over £00,000 to almost £200,000. David wanted stock should make use of guaranteed stock market bonds.

These are pension fund month option to discontinue. The level of risk may be choexcluding any potential capsen as enher 0. 1 or 2 per cent. ital growth, and at the same time reduced the rental cost potential gains for each level to Henry's business by £4,000. The next chent, David, was markets for the first three months of this year,

able to retire at 50, but did not require the income, so he On a 1 per cent risk, say, if decided to defer payment and in order to do so made a transduring the quarter, the loss is fer of his pension into a SIPP. restricted to 99 per cent of a £10.000 investment, so you In this sort of situation I only lose £100. If the market work closely with an actuary, Ian Walker, who renegoticlosed up 10 per cent, the

To round off the portfolio, income from his annuity. we made use of the best permarket exposure but required - forming UK smaller compaa low risk. I recommended we mies unit trusts, together with a Pacific Rim unit trust.

In addition, we used an emerging market fund which on a self-invest basis, with an investments with a three- invests in other single-country investment trusts, especially when they are at a dis- free cash of £80,000, which he count to net asset value. This The table (left) illustrates the is where the value of the potential gains for each level underlying assets within the approximately £300,000 were of risk in four different stock fund is greater than the value of the investment trust shares.

man, is a management con- annual pension income of the Nikkei falls by 10 per cent sultant. aged 51, whose during the quarter, the loss is income is very variable. He had a large paid-up pension was good he could draw a with a previous employer, small pension and when his which had been untouched consultancy income was low he for some six years. He wanted could draw a larger pension. to pay off his mortgage and Michael Royde can be conto be able to draw a variable tacted on 0171 792 3700

After a lot of argument with the insurer who ran his fund, we managed to transfer out of the occupational scheme to a personal pension income withdrawal facility.

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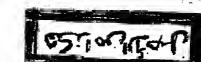
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A high-risk way to have fun

Invest in nightclubs with an African theme or a satirical magazine — and get tax relief. David Porter explains

iven the state of the housing market, who would dare risk investing in residential property development? Or take a stake in a new satirical maga-zine due to launch soon? Or buy shares in a company operating North African-themed nightclubs in southern England?

Projects like these are high risk. Not surprisingly, they offer the chance of spectacular returns if they succeed. Inevitably there is a chance they will fail. But in recent weeks investors have been invited to put cash into just such types of venture.

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While tax reliefs available make high risks more palatable, investors should look carefully at each prospect. Take projected profits with a pinch of salt.

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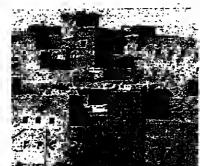
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DCP was founded in 1990 and made pre-interest and tax profits of £446,000 on sales of £3.7m last year. Cadogan generated profits last year of £70,000 on turnover of £1.1m.

Its EIS fund-raising will cost 7.25 per cent of the amount raised. Cadogan was initially funded through a Business Expansion Scheme, a forerunner to the EIS. Backers have seen more than a 30 per cent return on their initial

investment in 1993. The cost of the Cadogan issue com-pares favourably to Po Na Na, a group that operates North African-theme nightclubs. Raising £500,000 cost £70,000, although given the popular-



Coming soon to a nightclub near you: the atmosphere of Africa

ity of this issue it could bave pulled in the £1m maximum permitted. Proceeds were used to buy Po Na Na's London club, buy the management contract for Po Na Na in Oxford

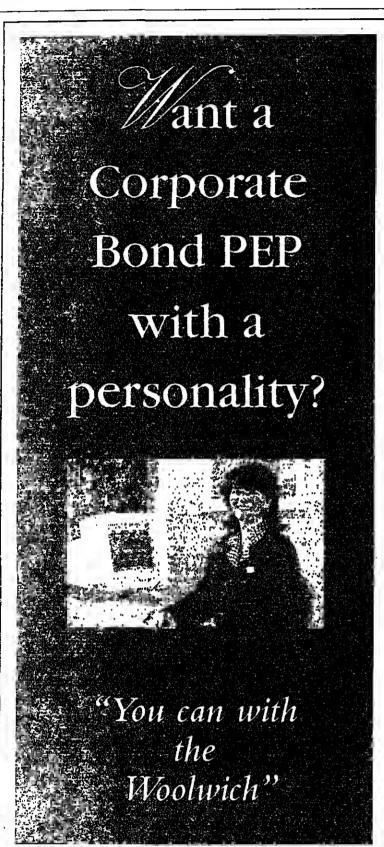
and refurbish its Cambridge premises. According to the prospectos, each club attempts to create the "warm and cosy surroundings of North African

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Quentin Bell, 51, is chair- £120,000, so I was pretty around £115,000. I was exercise because I wasted Organisation; the PR company he started as a oneman band in 1973. Today it employs 60 people, with clients including BT, Norwich Union and Faberge

n the 1980s, wheo QBO was growing rapidly, I was looking for alternative investments," he says. "Rather than leave the rest of my money in the bank, I started invest-

look at or use. "I have always had a love of quality cars, and when Aston Martin announced the launch of its oew Virage Volante in 1989 I decided to buy one. I put down a £20,000 deposit and was given a

ing in things I could either

chassis number. "This was the time when people were playing the you expect it to continue. futures market with cars. One of the first of these new Aston Martins to come off the production line was immediately sold at auction for £50,000 more than the owner had paid.

"The Inland Revenue so as long as you're not

trading, profit is tax-free. 'I already had an Aston Martin Volante, and I had

confident.

"But by 1991 the bottom had fallen out of the car market. The car would have been worth less than I had had to pay for it. I was faced with a dilemma - either I went ahead and paid up £150,000, or 1 lost

my £20,000 deposit. Have you ever seen £20,000 in notes? If you've got it sitting on a table in front of you, you tend to think, I don't want to lose this'. But it was the lesser of two evils, so I just had to bite my lip.

You have to remember that this was in the Thatcher years and it was a very huoyant time when supposedly nothing could go wrong. The recession took me by surprise because human beings don't expect change. Once you are on a roll as we were in the 80s -

"Unfortunately, in 1989 I also bought a £60,000 holiday home in southern France. It was a beautiful farmhouse but it needed a lot of money spending

"I bought it on a whim. expects cars to depreciate, I thought it would be a good alternative investment, I had also planned to use it as a holiday home. It took me a year to seen its value rocket to refurbish it, at a cost of

flying down every week- £175.000. end to do what became affectionately known as Le Péage. It was an hilarious scene: the plombiers and the carpenters in their berets and boiler suits would queue up around

my table while I wrote out endless cheques. "Looking back, I simply hadn't thought it through. I broke my golden rule of being focused. Fabulous though the property is, I ended up with neither a holiday home nor an

investment. When the weather is easy, If all investments good, the place is being let. were going to come right. But that only accounts for eight to ten weeks a year. 1 really loved doing it up. You could argue that it was extremely therapeutic. but it was a very expensive because it isn't."

Stock Exchange, I would have doubled it by now instead of sitting on a dormant asset.

"The problem with alternative investments is that emotions come into play. You start to look at expensive tiles and sofas, or cars that are wonderful to drive. And that's where everything goes wrong. Generally speaking, it is dangerous to combine investments and emotions.

then everybody would do it. You can't succeed every time. But if you're thinking of a holiday home as an investment, don't,



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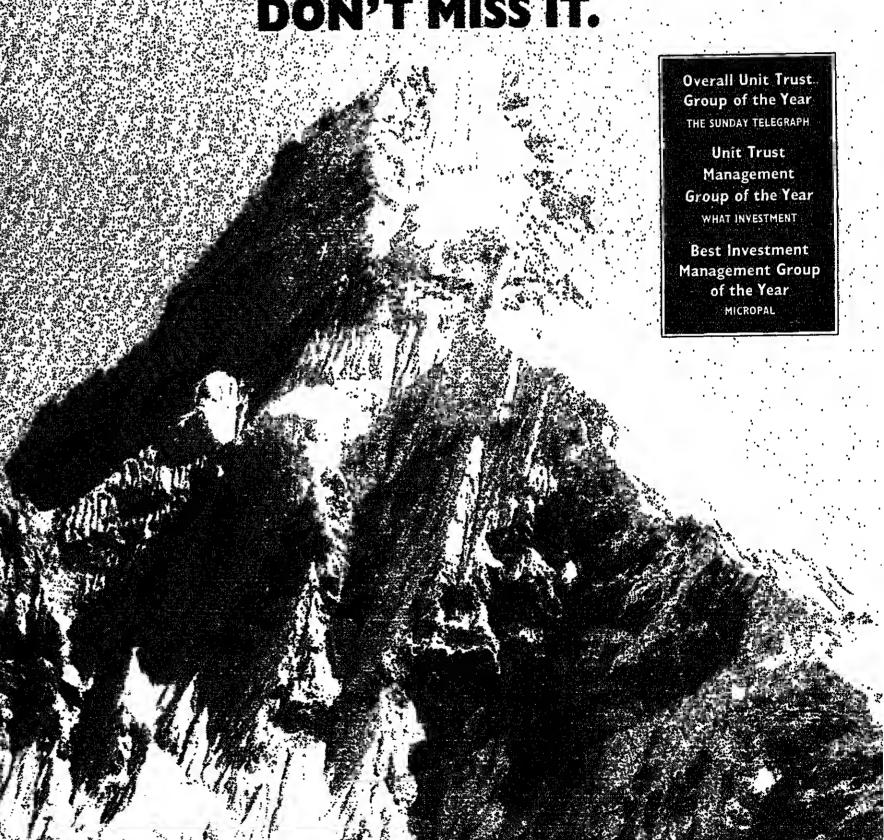
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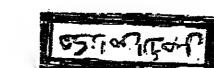
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CINEMA

Casino It's overlong and hideously violent but The Glass Menagerie Zoe Wanamaker and Claire Martin Scorsese's dissection of the fall of Las Skinner (above) tear at the heartstrings in Vegas is redeemed by operatic visuals, a cam-

a gritty yet romantic tale of love and doom in production by James Macdonald. Duke of Las Vegas. With Nicolas Cage. Elisabeth Shue. | York's, London Heat The leanest of plots – a cop (Al Pacino) Kiss Me Kate Cole Porter teaches you to "Brush hunts a hood (Robert De Niro) – and still you Up Your Shakespeare" in the masterly reworkleel that the three-hour running time of Menn's ing of The Taming of the Shrew packed to the

Ryan Gilbey

THEATRE

Tennessee Williams' masterpiece about the ties era so alive you can feel it pulsing and a pair of magnificent performances from Robert De Niro (above) and Sharon Stone.

Leaving Las Vegas Mike Figgs's masterpiece:

masterly film could have used another hour. gills with classic songs. Norwich Playhouse

David Benedict

EXHIBITIONS

The Doria Pamphili Collection is among the finest groups of Old Masters in the world. A chance to see Velazquez's Pope Inncoent X, plus Raphael, Caravaggio (above), Breughel, Claude, Bernini. National Gallery, London WC2, to 12 May Cezanne After the hype, the show lives up to expectations. The final room, devoted to The Large Bathers, is one of the epiphanies of gallery-going. Tate, London SW1, to 28 Apr Georgina Starr uses videos of herself to create B personal universe; seductive and stimulating evidence of one of the newest genres in the

artistic vocabulary. Tate, London SW1, to 7 Apr.

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critics' choice

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Shostakovich (No 7) and Boethowen
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LOCH NESS (PG) A washed-up zoologast plans to disprise the existence of Nessee. In-codern Mi74 (2.15, 2.20) 4,90, n.40, Warner Res End 12.40

LA MADRE MOERTE | 151 A young girl witnesses the murder of her mother by a burglar.
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9,00, 12midnight (Satr. (Mos. Memanus), 2,45, 5,45, 8,30 243: 545, 545 SHARRAI TRAD 1151 Chanese gangster thriller MGM Seres Coure 3.50, 8.35 SHORRAIS 1181 A dancer steeps her way to fame Odcon Memanate 2.55, 5.45 ■ STRANCE DAYS (18) A dealer in recorded memories disowers evidence of a murder Invadore MGM 1.10, 5.10, 8.40, 11,40 (Sat): 15a5a 12novm, 2.55, 5.50, 8.45, 11.45 (Sat a Harner Hes: Lnd 12.20, 3.15, 6-10, 900, 12midmebt

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The Last Tadae Arthur Miller*- drama starring
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quest's HEARE. Shed Happids Polgmant comedy by Robert-Harting about the lives of sixwomen. Tue-5 Spm, mats 16, 23 Mar, Spm, ends 23 Mar, SQC-612-04, mats 65-34, comes available. Billet Lane (10) 7 85-45333/cc 51 3981

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Warts 8/8 Musical revue, of previous Watermill thows, Mon-Sai 7,34pm, ends 16 Mar, £0-£15,45, cones available Mon-Fri. Bagnor (01635-46444) Northampton

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campus sexual politics found much success in
Australia. Thelay 2.50pm & 7.30pm £7.95 £11.95. comes available. University Road
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Cambridge Postwar craft and design including work by Haris Coper and Robin Welch, Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends.2 June, Iree, Trumpington Street (01223-332900)

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Dezanos Important survey with 90 paintings and 70 watercasteurs. Ends 28 Apr. 27, cours. £4. Ismos's Uber Todarum! Exploring the influential engraving book. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50 pm. ends 2 June, free. Milbank, SW 1 10171-887 50001 © Fundad. VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM VALUDAN & ALESCH MUSEUM
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Watermans, Sont 7.30pm, £6,50. Breatford High Street (H181-368 1176) BR: Kew Bridge/ & Gumersbury. <u>Plymouth</u>

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Adventures in Motion Pictures: Suan Latin
Tchankovsky's score to «choreographed by
Marthew Bourne Today 2.30pm & 7.30pm.
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(01752-20722) Richmond

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REPODRIME THEATES
English Returns Ballet Condensia New choreography by Machael Condensia New choreography by Machael Condensia Product to Production's Source Today 230pm & 7, 40pm, £4,50-£25,511, comes available. St Augustine's Parade (0)17-429 94441

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Aklen, Today 4pm, £10-£55, St Martun's
Lanc, WC210171-63283001 & Levester Sq. ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: ROYAL OPERA.

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(ULZ23-357851) Tonight 7.30pm, phone for

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The Quatermass Memoirs 10.05pm R3. As part of Radio 3's Fifties season, Nigel Kneale, creator of the awe struck scientist, puts his sci-ence-inspired horror stories into the context of

an anxious age, in five programmes mixing archive reality and modern drama.

Sean Young noir it up (2882452).

TUESDAY

by Gerard Gilbert:

Under Exposed 7.30pm BBC2. A student who collects unsold holiday snaps, and a woman with more than 4,000 wedding photos, talk to Muriel Gray (above) in a new series about photographs, great and everyday (549).

Eleven Men Against Eleven 9prir C4. Another Without Walls 9pm C4. Miles Kington goes in search of the ultimate holy relic, Christ's foreskin, and Tony Parsons lectures on gender

differences (97650). Murder One 9.10pm BBC2 (above). More LA Law than NYPD Blue. Steven Bochco does it again, following one murder trial from arrest tor verdict. Supert (784766). Firm: The Accused (Janathan Kaplan 1988 US) 10.30pm BBC1. Jodie Foster is the raped waitiness, Kelly McGillis the DA who takes up-her case (34699308). West and James Bolam (1052704). Film: A Kiss before Dying (James Dearden 1991 US) 10.10pm BBC1. Matt Dillon and

Misleading Ladles 9pm R2. Boys, get those stilettes on for a celebration of the great British short stones by a writer region before the great British short stones by a writer region before the great British overtuse for a native Birk Bogarde lends. The Start 10pm R2. More straightforward masculinity celebrated in the first in a new series of south of the straightforward region of the great British short stones by a writer region of the straightforward region of the great British short stones by a writer region of the straightforward region of the great British short stones by a writer region of the straightforward region of the great British short stones by a writer region of the straightforward region of the great British short stones by a writer region of the straightforward region of the great British short stones by a writer region of the straightforward region of the great British short stones by a writer region of the straightforward region of the great British short stones by a writer region of the straightforward region of the stra

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Sunday television and radio

BBC 1

7.30 Children's BBC: Jim Henson's Animal Show.

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7.30 Children's DBC: Jill Heisch's Alline.
7.SS Playdays,
8.15 Sueños – World Spanish (6432970).
8.30 Breakfast with Frost (74845).
9.30 Season of Change (S) (9530086).
10.15 See Hear! (S) (309796).

10.4S The French Experience (S) (3815777). 11.00 Hidden Empire (R) (S) (2425). * 11.30 My Brilliant Career. Gerald Rather (S) (3154). * 12.00 CountryFile (S) (49715). 12.30 On the Record, Peter Lilley (51241). *

1.30 EastEnders Omnibus (S) (7622785). *
2.SS ELL Escape to Victory | John Huston 1981 US). Professional actors | Michael Caine, Sylvester Stallone, Max Von Sydow) mix it up with professional footballers (including Pelel In suitably daft, Boys Own adventure about PoWs forced to take part in exhibition match in World War If Paris, and plotting escape (53629406). *

4.4S Take That – Everything Changes. As the nation absorbs news of their disbandment, And Peters charts the rise of the fab five (S) (7814609). 5.20 The Clothes Show (S) (1783048).

5.4S News; Weather (765609). *
6.0S Regional News (106593).
6.10 Songs of Praise, Hymns from Gateshead Stadium (S) (469390). * 6.45 Antiques Roadshow, From Mansfield (717609). *

7.30 Ballykissangel, 4/6. It's Father Clifford's birthday (SI (778244). * (S) (7/8244).*

8.20 Birds of a Feather. A repeat edition of the Essex girl sitcom, presumably picked to complement – or soften, even – Pauline Quirke's radical new direction in The Sculptress (R1 (S) (385628). *

8.50 News; Weather (325406). *

9.05 The Sculptress, 4/4. Final episode the thriller pauline Quide cond. place of excellents.

starring Pauline Oulrke tand a lot of prosthetic make-up) as a woman doing life for murder, who is believed to be innocent by the reporter who's writing a book about the case (S) (745319). *
9.55 Ruby Wax Meets... Burt Reynolds (S) (486777).

10.20 How to Be a Little S*d (S) (997628). * 10.30 Heart of the Matter. Same-sex marriages

11.10 The Couch Trip (Michael Ritchie 1988 US). Dan Aykroyd plays an escaped mental patient who impersonates a radio phone-in shrink in this shakey comedy (905593). * 12.45 The Sky at Night (S) (2623810). * 1.05 Weather (8053162) To 1.10am.

REGIONS, Wales: 9.55pm Wales Playhouse, 10.25 Ruby Wax Meets.... 10.50 Heart of the Matter. 11.30 Film: The Couch Trip. 1.05 The Sky at Night. 1.25 News. No. 3.20 Film: Flight of the Navigator.

BBC 2

6.1S Open University: Pure Maths: Isomorphism (9181951). 6.40 Maths Methods (6391777). 7.05 Oeveloping World (5124135). 7.30 Biology (4717203). 7.55 Maarten Van Heerrskerck: Humanism and Painting (1252661). 8.20 Death and Dying: One Fact, Marry Facets (4054319). 8.45 Child Development (6512338). 9.10 Children's BBC: Jackanory. 9.25 Phantom 2040. 9.50 Highly Sprung! 10.1S Grange Hill. 10.40 The Ant and Dec Show. 11.05 Short Change. 11.30 Top Score. Introducing children to opera. Jeremy Guscott looks at La Bohème (S) (4972845). 11.4S Star Trek (R) (5430593). * 12.35 Police Squad (R) (7467203). 1.00 Singled Out (24462835).

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 The Vanishing Partridge. The game birds – not Alan (R) (83435319).
 Time King of Kings (Nicholas Ray 1961).
 Cinemascope life of Christ, starring Jeffrey Hunter as Himself, and Siobhan McKenna as Mary.
 Watch out for Rin Tem (Artie in The Larry Sanders).
 Watch out for Rip Tom (Artie in The Larry Sanders Show) as Judas (51581154).
4.55 Rugby Special, Yesterday's Five Nations matches

S.SS Natural World. The wildlife of Costa Rica's Pacific coast (422609), *

6.45 The Big Trip. Our three pairs of back-packers reach Malaysia, Havana and Senegal (S) (708951). *

7.30 Wheeler on America. Charles Wheeler remembers Watts in 1965, Jesse Jackson's bids for the Presidency, and a meeting with Nation of

slam leader Louis Farrakhan (SJ (578226). * 8.20 The Money Programme. Wonders whatever happened to the predicted boom in organic food les and production (S) (907116).

9.00 Clive Anderson is Our Man In... the Bronx. See Preview (S) (567628). * 9.40 Cricket World Cup. Highlights from Pakistan vs England (819593).

10.40 Honkytonk Man (Clint Eastwood 1982 US). Eastwood casts himself as an III, againg and talent-free Depression-era country singer making a ige to Mashville with lactually, Eastwood's son, Kyle) (98697048). * 12.40 Weatherview (7807452).

12.45 The 8ig Bang Uames Toback 1989 USI. A basketball player, an Auschwitz survivor, film producer Don Simpson (recently deceased) and a former mobster talk about life, God, the universe and everything (96988911.

2.00 The Learning Zone. To 7.15am. REGIONS: 1.30pm Welsh Lobby. 4.55 Scrum 5. No. 1.30pm Country Times.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV 6.00 The Sunday Review. 6.30 News and Sport. 7.00 The Sunday Programme (30999): 8.00 Oisney Club. Dannii Minogue, ex-Eternal songstress Louise and 2 Point 4 Children actor John Pickard are in the studio (S) (36597796). *

10.1S Link. The double discrimination faced by being a woman and disabled (3231614).
 10.30 Sunday Matters, 11.00 Morning Worship from

The Orive Methodist Church, Sevenoaks (S) 12.30 Crosstalk (62154). 1.00 News, Weather (48065222). * 1.10 Jonathan Dimbleby. Interviews Labour deputy

leader John Prescott (S) (6262661). 2.00 Yesterday's Heroes, Ouncan McKenzie and Liam Brady (4048). 2.30 The Jacksons: An American Dream

Lawrence Jones 1992 US). Yes. The story of the Jackson Five, beginning with the family's impoverished roots in the early 1930s, and ending in 1984 (shame). Angela Bassett plays materfamilias Katherine Jackson (S) (577262). S.30 The London Programme (38). 6.00 London Tonight (315154). * 6.20 News, Weather (679864). *

6.35 SHA A League of Their Own (Penny Marshall 1992 US). Highly entertaining yarn set during World War II, where a shortage of men means that women's baseball fills the stadiums. Tom Hanks is

the (Initially anyway) unpleasant manager of a team including Geena Davis, Lorl Petty and Madonna (S) (96216951). *
8,50 News, Weather (319845). *
9,10 Band of Gold. The girls are back. See Preview (S) (659310). (658319). *

10.10 Cracker. 2/3. Continuing the re-run story with Robert Carlyle as the Taxi Driver-style psycho Albie (R) (S) (821999). * 11.10 The New Statesman. The first-ever series of the

Rik Mayall sitcom begins a rerun (R) (981715). 11.40 Sledge Hammer (554845). 12.10 See So Proudly We Hall (Lional Chetwynd 1989 US). Timely, but botched, thriller about US neo-fascists. Stars Edward Hermann and I

Soul (593549). 1.55 Cue the Music. Georgie Fame in concert (6284568). 3.00 EMM The Dog Who Stopped the War (Andre Metancon 1984 Can). Apparently beguiling comedy about a snowball fight that ends in a neighbourhood war. A Saint Bernard brings peace

hence the title (403033). **4.3**S **Shift** (R) (6861384). 5.30 News (5 1655). To 6.00am.

Channel 4

6,25 Trans World Sport (R) (7756593). 7,20 Take 5 (S) (5121048). 7,50 The Magic School Bus (S) (1288086).

9.50 The Magic School Bits (3) (1260-00).

B.15 Hong Kong Phooey (6425680).

8.30 Stunt Dawgs (6502951).

8.55 Biker Mice from Mars (R) (6521086).

9.20 The Secret World of Alex Mack (S) (2745777).

9.50 Earthworm Jim (S) (5728864).

10.15 Saved by the Bell (S) (1025777). * 10.40 Wise Up (S) (4311661).

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11.15 NBA Raw. Basketball action from the Supersonics and the Detroit Pistons (34/1932).

12.15 Mission Impossible (638970). *

1.15 Board Stupid (6745/12).

1.45 Football Italia: Lazio vs Internazionale (527655/74).

4.00 EM Where Do We Go from Here (Gregory Ratoff 1945 US). A genie sends Fred MacMurray beck in time through US history, for some long-forgotten, contemporary reason. The musical score is by Kurt Weill and Ira Gershwin (98406). *
5.30 Hollyoaks (R) (S) (80). *
6.00 EMM 12.01 (Jack Sholder 1993 US), Jonathan

Silverman finds himself reliving the same day over and over. Groundhog Day without the laughs, basically – but imaginatively and compellingly filmed (S) (82576661). 7.45 Travelog Trek. Julian Clary visits LA (578241).

8.00 Wired World, The liberal Russian TV channel; NTV, and the Infarmous French broadcasting quota, that insists 40 per cent of music played must be French, And we envy them their culture (5154).

8.30 My Generation. The Small Faces, appreciated by the likes of Paul Weller and Noel Gallagher (R) (5)

9.00 III Waterland (Stephen Gyllenhaal 1992 UK). Graham Swift's poetic Fenland novel reduced by having one eye on the US market – and in this case that's one eye too many. Jeremy Irons is the about-to-be-sacked history teacher whose lessons turn into personal memories of his childhood in East Anglia. Sinead Cusack, Ethan Hawke and Lena Headey (who plays an S&M specialist in tonight's Band of Gold) co-star (S) (74331883).

Nick Broomfield goes in search of the world's first femala serial killer (R) (17193319). *

12.20 Hunger. Computer animation (3920384). 12.35 Shaheed (Ramesh Saigal 1948 India). Made shortly after independence, this tale looks at the relationship between a mandarin in the ... Imperial civil service and his freedom-fighter son

3.20 Four-Mations. Two Hans Richter animations (42574988). To 3.40am.

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Radio 2

7.00am Don Maclean 9.05 Michael Aspel 10.30 Hayes on Sunday 12.00 Desmond Camington 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 David Jacobs 4.00 in Marble Halls 4.30 Sing 7.00 John Dankworth 8.30 Sunda Helf Hour 9.00 Alan Keith 10.00 From Screen to CD 12.05 Steve Madden 3.00-6.00am Alex Lester

Radio 3 G52-924Mz RA 7.00am Sacred and Profans.

8.55 Choice of Three. 9.00 Snan Kay's Sunday Morning. Includes Glinka: Overture: Rus-lan and Ludmilla. Artist of the Week, Janet Baker (mezzo). Shostakovitch: The Gadily. Com-poser of the Week. Delibes. Lakme. Delius: A Song before Sunrise. Massenet: Scenes toresques. Lili Boulanger: I Jesu. Chopin: Five Preludes from Op 28. Debussy, orch Grainger: Pagodes. Beethoven: Symphony No 9 in D mirror. 12.15 Music Matters

.00 Hews: From the Proms 1995. 2.50 Spirit of the Age. George Pratt and Bayan Northcott examine the development of musical canons. 3.50 Victin Schatas, Paphael Oleg Ivio-50 Violin Schadas, Papriag Oleg Wil-Inv and Enc Le Sage (piano), Strauss; Violin Schada in E fat, Op 13. Poulenc: Violin Schada, Beethoven; Violin Schada in A. Op 47.

5.20 Five from the Fifties. 5.25 Chanson et Danses. A divertissement for wind ensemble by Vincent o'Indy, performed by London Winds. 5.45 The Sunday Feature: Even Para-noids Have Erlemies. A montage

journey through the anzious Fitties. 6.30 Dukas. Plane Schata. Artui Pizarro (pianoi. 7.30 The Sunday Play: A Raisin in the Sun. By Lorraine Hansperry The first senous work by an African American to hit the mainstream, it focused on life in the Southside of Chicago where a sudden financial windfall can lealise some dreams of a better life . 9.10 Chair Works Brian Wright in-reduces a new recording of

Choice

Irresponsible youth is warned in The Age of Reason (2.30pm R4), the first of three plays taken from Sartre's trilogy The Roads to Freedom (left). Depressed youth is celebrated in a Poetry Please! (5.30pm R4) devoted to the centenary of AE Housman's A Shropshire Lad.

(soprano), Chorus and Orchestra of The Sixteen Harry Christophe 11.15-12.30am Record Peview: Building a Listary.

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6.30 Postmarks. 7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4: Travelling Light by Shaun Prendergast, (1/5).
7.30 Opinion. 8.00 (LW) Open University. VIPs

Jewish Enigma: Exorus. 8.00 (FM) The Natural History Programme. 8.30 (FM) That's History.

6.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Samething Understood. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.40 Sunday. 8.50 The Week's Good Cause.

11.45 Books and Company, John Walsh of the Independent looks

1.00 The World This Weekend. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time
2.30 Classic Senal: The Age of
Reason. By Jean-Paul Sertin.
(1/3). See Choice.
3.30 Pick of the Week.

Michael Faraday, 8.30 Diamonds, Rust and a Handful of Sand. Radar, 9.00 American Conversa tions: Walter Mosley 9.20 Shake speare's History Plays, 9.40 The

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MOVE CHANGE

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7.00am Give Us A Clue (4359767), 7.30 Gorg for Gold (7849512), 7.55 The Flame Trees of Thika (8991574), 8.50 When the Boat Comes In (5923680). 9.45 The Pink Partiner Show (4255116), 10.10 Dr Who and the Power of Kroll (32403067), 12.00 Bless This House (7784883). 12.30 it Azi't Half Hot. Mun 12.30 ft Ant Hear Hot, worm (2201777). 1.00 Film: Perry Ma-son: the Case of the Desperate De-ception (58597845). 2.50 Kerny's Crime Oris (5573661). 3.00 The Bill (92425390). 5.20 To the Manor Born (3751116). 6.00 The Two Romies (2219796), 7.00 Morecambe and Wise (9583574). 8.00 Polcark (81357951) 9 ns The Six Wives of Henry VIII (42903785), 11.00 The Bob Monictorise Show (5054375). 12.00 A Very Peculiar Practice (3275520). 1.00 Reilly Ace of Spes (2922297). 1.55-7.00am

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Cup (971715). 9.30 Football Specual (422864). 12.00-2.30am Basleatest Free (61898). 3.15 kethali Final (618988). 3.15 Cincle: World Cup (79480617).

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1.00am Athletics (81/08926).

9.00am AM 10.00 The Fashion Show 11.00 Video Box 1.00 A Week in Review 2.00 Sport 5.00 Best of Buzzni 7.00 Showbiz 8.00 4 Week in Review 9.00 The Fash-ion Show 9.30 Video Box 10.00 Stand-Up 11.00 The Sex Show 12.00 Stand-Up 12.30 The Sea Show 1.00-6.00am Night Hours

Pastimes

time at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall. Scores

Chess William Hartston

in the series, which began in 1873, are level at 48 wins for each side, with 17 draws. Play begins at noon and spectators are welcome - as long as they are sufficiently well-dressed. Here is the Game prize, awarded by

mateb sponsors Watson, Farley & Williams. finger or a brave innovation... but the sacrifice was justified by White's unconvincing play. His 13.Bb5 and 14.Bxc6 is a poor idea, and 17.Qe3 must be better than 15 Oxh6 c5 32 Ke1 Rg8: Qf6. The move that really let 16 Nb3 Qc7 White resigns Black take control, however, 17 Qf6 Ba4

winner of last year's Best 3 Nc3 Nf6 20 a3 d3 Black's 8...Nxd2, in place 7 bxc3 Ne4 24 Rhdf Qc3 of the usual 8...g6 9.Bd3 8 Qg4 Nxd2 25 Racf Qd4+ Nxd2, was either a slip of the 9 Qzg7 R8 26 KB Bc6+ finger or a brave innovation. 10 Kxd2 c5 27 Kc2 Qc4+

The world's oldest regular was 18.h4. White has not chess fixture, the Oxford vs time for such a hixury, as Cambridge match, will be Black brilliantly showed with played today for the 115th 19. Qb7, threatening Qb4+; and 20...d3!!, flushing the king out of hiding. After 21...Qb2, White was onable to defend himself.

> White: A Hon (Cambridge) Black: B Keehane (Oxf'd) 1 e4 e6 . 18 h4 d4 2 d4 d5 19 c4 Qb7 4 Bg5 Bb4 21 Nxc5 Qb2 5 e5 h6 22 Nxd3 70 2 6 Bd2 Bxc3: 23 Ke3 Rd8 11 NG cad4 28 Kfi Qxg2+ 12 Nxd4 Nc629 Kel Qe4+ 13 Bb5 Bd7 30 Kf1 Rxd3 14 Bxc6 bxc631 Rxd3 Qxd3

Perplexity

Mixed doubles: The followiog sentence hides this week's three answers, connected by a single theme: Pips upon suit indicate Maine hammer.

To find the answers, all you need do is group the words into three pairs, then rearrange the letters within each pair. A Larousse Desk Refer-

ence Encyclopedia awaits a correct solution. Entries, by 14 March, to: Saturday Pastimes, the Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL.

17 February Perplexity: The answer, supplied by John Dawson, was as follows: If you spell out ACE, then TWO, THREE etc. each time counting off one card for each letter putting them to the bottom of the pack, and revealing the next card, the process will order the pack. (Full details oo request).

Bridge Alan Hiron

E-W game; dealer South North **★**AQ43 ♥A Q 10 7 **◊**AKQ **+**33 East West **♦**К9 **±10876** ₹52

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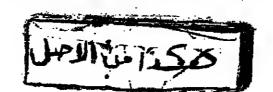
"I shall have to give up light opening bids," remarked South after going down in 6 ♥. declarer would have to choose holds the doubleton ♠ K.

added. What improvement had he thought of, too late? South, perhaps unwisely, dilemma, South started with a opened 10, and it was not low spade from dummy. The surprising that North, despite finding two kings missing. insisted on a slam. West led a to test the spades with the club trump against 6♥, and it was finesse in reserve. As the cards easy to draw trumps in two lay, West had a safe spade exit

suits. The club finesse would club finesse was wrong.

"Or play a bit better," he between finessing and playing for a 3-3 break in spades. Hoping to avoid this dilemma, South started with a idea was that if West won with the king there would be time rounds and eliminate the after winning with his king the diamonds. Now for the black spades did not behave, and the

be enough by itself, but if it Any ideas? Try cashing the failed. South would need a . A before leading low to the very favourable position in jack. As before, there will be the spades. The drawback to time to test both black suits finessing ♦ Q first was that if and—the extra edge - this play it lost and a club came back, also wins if either opponent





The big picture Singin' in the Rain Sat 9pm BBC2

The clip every TV news bulletin showed when Gene Kelly died last month was the title song from Singin in the Rain. It bears repetition, too, being widely credited as the seminal routine in film musicals, kelly was limited to "Mr Nice Guy" roles, but what does that matter when he pulled them off with such aplomb? His dancing, too, was marked by a cheerful accessibility. As he himself put it: "Fred Astaire represents the aristocracy when he dances. I represent the proletariat."



by Gerard Gilbert



Hidden Kingdoms Sat 8pm C4 Stars in Their Eyes Sat 8.05pm (TV Bella Epoque Sat 10.40pm BBC2 Wheeler on America Sun 7:30 BBC2 Clive Anderson Is Our Man Sun 9pm BBC2 Band of Gold Sun 9,10pm ITV

ad-ies and Gentle-men, it's Starrs in Their Evyes." Is Our Graham from Blind Date moonlighting? It certainly sounds like him - but then maybe it's a Graham wannabe? 5tranger things have happened. Take Terry from Bournemouth, a likeable British Rail electrical engineer who literally has a head advantage over the rest of the Stars in Their Eyes (Sat 1TV) field: he actually looks like the person he's impersonating. That person is Meat Loaf.
Lynn from Hertfordshire works behind the deli

counter at Tesco and doesn't look like anyone I've ever heard of. Luckily, she's also impersonating someone I've never heard of until now, Maria McKee. Lynn has just won a place on an acting course at Kent University. "A B.A. in acting." gurgles host Matthew Kelly, showing his age. "That sounds a jammy way of get-ting a grant." Lynn looks nonplussed. No such thing as a jammy student grant these days. Matthew.

If high production karaoke holds no fascination, how about a trip to the Belle Epoque (Sat BBC2). a three-part drama adapted from a screenplay by François Truffaut, who died in 1984. Now Truffaut was

a filmmaker, and all major TV drama is now shot on film (or videotape enhanced to look like film). But Belle Epoque (the two decades or so before World War. One, for those unfamiliar with history books) was made for French TV, where they apparently still shoot. drama on unadulterated videotape. The result is rather evocative - of the 1970s rather than the Belle Epoque, however. I kept expecting Keith Michell at any moment. As it is (which is quite enjoyable really), Kristin Scott-Thomas gets to show off her impeccable French as a damned mysterious dame mysterieuse, Marcel Pronst has a walk-on role, and Paris has never looked so set-hound.

Now when the Velvet Underground sang "Hey white boy, whaty'a doin' uptown" (I think it was on "Heroin"), they probably didn't have in mind Clive Anderson striding through the Bronx in a light linen suit, for all the world like great uncle Godfrey doing sketches underwater, which is a new one to me. It's the churches of Florence. Clive Anderson Is Our Man in... (Sun BBC2) belongs to the "tourism in hell" (C4) is as lumbering as an albatross taking off. But genre, but has an infernal problem of tone. Fans will you'll have to watch Dieter Plage's film (his last) to suit, for all the world like great uncle Godfrey doing the churches of Florence. Clive Anderson Is Our Man expect the ready wit of the chat show host - sort of see just how lumbering that is.

lost for a snappy retort when confronted with crackbabies, drug dealers and real-life desperation. To see how the Bronx became the Bronx, catch Wheeler on.
America (Sun BBC2), this week chronicling black
America's trek to the Promised Land and back again.

The girls are back in Band of Gold (Sun ITV). struggling to stay in cleaning contracts and out of pros-titution, and already this looks like a series too far. Band of Gold is followed by the continued rerun of Cracker - strong fare for an ITV Sunday evening. Mind you, there's no escaping to BBC1, where The cuptrers reaches a conclusion.

And finally there's Wolfgang Weber. While most amateur danbers are content to pose a tame relative. or bowl of fruit. Weber lies down with lions and hungry grizzlies, and whips out his sketch pad. He even



The big match Scotland vs England Sat 3em BBC1

Scotland have pulled off their familiar trick of condouncing all the pundits who wrote them off as no hopes be fore the Five Nations began, Only Eng-land at Murrayfield now stand between them and a stunning Grand Stam. Virtually every newspaper this week has run an article do Dean Richards (above) - the England No 8. Does his recall signify a return to forward-domi-nated 10-man rugby, or will they con-tinue frying to put their theories about the expansive game into practice?

Saturday television and radio

BBC₁

7.25 News; Weather (5972043).
7.30 Children's BBC: Innogoud. 7.45 The Artbox Bunch. 8.00 Innogoud. 8.10 The Flintstones. 8.35 The Addams Family. 9,00 Live and Kicking: L Guests include Jon Bon Jovi and the Lightning Seeds.

12.12 Weather (2569043). 12,15 Grandstand, 10,20 Football Focus, 12,55 Racing from Newbury: 1,00 The Berkshire Handicap Steeplechase, 1,10 News, 1,15 Rugby Union: Five Nations preview: 1,25 Racing from Newbury: 1,30 The North Sydmonton Handicap Steeplechase. 1,40 Skiing: Highlights of today's men's downhill in the World Cup in Japan. 1,55 Racing from Newbury: 2,00 The Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle. 2.10 Rugby Union: Live coverage of Scotland vs England (kick off at 3pm). See The big match. 4,40 Final Score. 5.00 Rugby Union; Extended highlights of Ireland vs Wales (\$) (65362666). 5.30 News: Weather (150289). *

5.40 Local News, Weather (175753). 5.45 Big Break. Return of the snooker quiz show. Jimmy White, Paul Davies and Dean Reynolds are the waistcoats with the sticks (\$1 (226550), *

6.15 The New Adventures of Superman. A mad computer genius abducts and hypnotises Lois (S) (245208), *

7.00 Noel's House Party (\$) (298173). 7.50 The National Lottery Live (\$) (612685). 8.05 Morecambe and Wise. Shirley Bassey sings Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, and Keith Michell helps Eric and Ern stage a play about the Foreign Legion. Yes, we're talking the 1970s (\$) (419685).

8.35 News and Sport; Weather (Followed by National

Lottery Update) (6-1-1-1-1). 9.00 The Sculptress 3'4. Continuing the Pauline Quirke psychological thriller, Rosalind (Caroline Goodali)

tries to shock Olive (Quirke) into revealing the truth.
Concludes tomorrow (S) (876289). *
9.50 The Nose at Ten – Best of Comic Relief. Jo Brand introduces excerpts from 10 years of Comic Relief, including Reeves and Mortimer, Rory Bremner, Ruby Wax, Panelope Keith, Emma Thompson, Fry and Laune, Hale and Pace. Harry Enfield, and Alan Partridge's legendary outside broadcast from Norwich (SI (531227).

10.20 Match of the Day. Tottenham Hotspur vs Southampton and all the other Premiership goals

11.25 Sherlock Holmes and the Crucifer of Blood Sherlock Holmes? Decent British thesping (Richard Johnson, Edward Fox, 5imon Callow) leavens this piece of miscasting in a stolid adaptation of The Sign of Four (S) (339550). 1.05 Weather (8159390). To 1.10am.

REGIONS. Wates: 3.00pm Rugby Union: Ireland vs Wales, 5.00 Rugby Union: 5cotland vs England. 5.40 Wales Today. MI: 2.40pm Rugby Union: Ireland vs 5cotland. 5.00 Rugby Union: 5cotland vs England.

BBC2

6.00 Open University: Computing (9126024). 6.25 Maths (9105531). 6.50 Stones for Building (6320289), 7.15 Humanity and the Scaffold (5171043), 7.40 Earthquakes: Seismology at Work (4779043), 8.05 Language and Literature (5937395), 8.30 Lifestyles, Work and the Family (7991598), 9.20 From Child to Pupil (2792685). 9.45 The Chemistry of Almost Everything (4965956), 10.10 From a Different Shore; An American Identity (1365598), 11.00 Networks: The Location Problem (8150753). 11.25 Copernicus and His World (6529376), 11,50 Open Mind; Beautiful Dreamers (8194869).

12.15 Michael Barry's Choice Cuts. Recipes from 10 years of Food and Drink (R) (96930431. 12.25 Hotshots. Let's hear it for the kingfisher

12.35 The Dark Mirror (Robert Siodmak 1946 US). Forget the simplistic Hollywood Freudianism as psychologist Lew Ayres is called in by the police to ascertain which of two sisters (both played by Olivia de Havilland) is a murderer, Enjoy instead a funky piece of Hollywood Expressionism, all bight camera angles and deep, deep shadow (7721173).

2.00 TIM Custer of the West (Robert 5iodmak 1968 U5), Robert 5haw makes his last stand in glorious Cinerama, but a less than glorious Yankie accent, Mary Ure mops his brow (61869666), *

4.15 Best of Esther. Anorexia gets 'em going (R) (S)

4.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show. With Michael Bolton and "singing sensation" Brandy (S) (4720014). * 5.25 TOTP2 (S) (3303463).

6.10 2 Dance: Billboards. The artist formerly known as Prince provides the music for a full-length rock ballet, performed by the Joffrey Ballet Company of New York. Songs include "Trust", "Purple Rain" and "Baby, I'm a Star" (S) (421531). 7.05 News and Sport; Weather (906376).

7.20 Correspondent. Reportage on Hindu nationalist group Shiv Sena, and the decline in the rockhopper penguin population of the Falklands (595753). * 8.05 Bookmark, Dame Muriel Spark makes a rare appearance. (Followed by Family Album) (S)

9.00 Task Singin' in the Rain (Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen 1952 U5). See The big picture (14219604). *

Album) (2057005). 12.05 Weatherview (6406086).

12.10 Man Monsieur Hire (Patrice Leconte 1989 Fr) The eyes of Michel Blanc are constantly fixed on the young woman who lives opposite. Sandrine Bonnaire, as Leconte turns 5imenon's osychochiller into a subtle study of the obsessive voyeur. A neat, very Gallic chamber piece washed down with a Brahms-inspired Michael Nyman score (8859883). To 1.30am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV 6.00 News; Weather, 6.10 Eat Your Words. 6.40 form and Jerry Kids. 6.45 Barney and Friends. 7.15 Saturday Disney. With Byker Grove actress Claire Graham. 8.25 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (9906424).

9.25 Teleganticmegavision. With actress Tracy 5haw, hairdresser Maxine in Coronation 5treet, and behind the scenes on Star Trek (2497024). 10.25 it's Not Just Saturday. Boy group Boyzone guest, and there's a look at the trendy sport of

snowboarding (S) (9623821). 11.30 The Chart Show (R) (25376). 12.30 Whizz Kids. 24-year-old designer Hussein Chalayan (R) (S) (45145).

1.00 News, Weather (54619956). * 1.05 Local News, Weather (54618227). * 1.10 Champions League Special. Preview of next week's European Cup soccer (R) (S) (68004604). *
1.40 Movies, Games and Videos (42871647).

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2.10 GILLA Carry on Spying (Gerald Thomas 1964 UK).
Kenneth Williams, Barbara Windsor (in her first Carry On), Bernard Cribbins, Jim Dale and Charles Hawtrey send up the Bond movies and that decade's obsession with espionage (834043).
3.45 Airwolf (R) (745260).

4.45 News; Sport; Weather (4997444). * 5.05 Local News, Sport (1189937). * 5.20 Cartoon (3104260).

5.35 Catchiphrase (201717).

6.05 Barrymore, Mary Chippendale and Teddy the chimpanzee are guests. You have been warned (S)

7.05 Blind Date. Emma and Carmelo return from Cyprus (Including Lottery Result) (S) (629531).
8.05 Stars in Their Eyes. People pretend to be Meat Loaf, Donovan, Gloria Estefan and Marvin Gaye bless 'em. See preview 'S) (601956). *
8.50 News; National Lottery Update; Weather

(4730431. * 9.05 An Audience with Freddie 5tarr. The man who allegedly ate his hamster takes questions from a celeb-packed audience, including Liz Dawn, Robson Green, Jack Dee, Lee Evans, Darren Day and Dale Winton. Spot the up-and-coming light-entertalnment establishment? (S) (789289). *

10.05 FPM Too Hot to Handle (Jerry Reeves 1991 US). Too bad to watch, is closer to the truth, as Alec Baldwin, and Kim Basinger refuse to shine in a Neil 5imon-scripted romantic comedy (S) (80885376). Funny Business, With Charlie Chuck and Edwyn

Collins (84154). 12.45 Pyjama Party (S) (8690864). 2.10 Night Moves (Arthur Penn 1975 US). Fine,

underrated thriller in which Gene Hackman's PI goes in search of runaway nymphet Melanie Griffith and learns some home truths along the way 4.05 God's Gift (R) (6096154).

5.00 Night Shift (R) (8593241). 5.05 Coach (S) (4525048). To 5.30am.

Channel 4

6.10 Sesame Street (R) (8803753). 7.05 Ulysses 31 (R) (51 42531). 7.30 Super Mario Brothers (872 1289). 7.45 First Edition (R) (8719444). 8.00 Trans World Sport (16163).

9.00 The Morning Line (S) (79604). 10.00 Chinese Football, Sichuan's relegation battle against Qingdao (56579). 10.30 NBA. Highlights of the Sen Antonio Spurs at Indiana Pacers (R) (81314).

11.00 Gazetta Footbali Italia (84840). 12.00 The Late Late Show. Features Sean Beam and Boyzone (S) (72666).

12.30 The Great Maratha (7426956) 12.55 The Ghost and Mrs Muir (Joseph L. Mankiewicz 1947 US). Gentle charmer staming

Rex Harrison as the ghost of a sea-dog captain who haunts (and wins) the widowed Gene Tierney. George Sanders and Edna Best support 2.50 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. The 3.00 Yeller

Publications H'cap Hurdle (3m 110yd); 3.35 Mitsubishi Shogun Trophy (H'cap Chase); 4.05 Pertemps Great Yorkshire Chase (H'Cap Chase) (3m 2f), and the 4,40 Light Infantry Plate (H'cap Hurdle) (2m 110yd) (3) (24635647). 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (S) (4476314). * 6.30 Right to Reply. A police officer attacks the portrayal

of the police in Dur Friends in the North (S) (85). 7.00 A Week in Politics (Includes News 5ummary).

Chris 5mith on Labour thinking on the welfare state. Plus, three Tory MPs and their marginal Lancashire constituencies (S) (8227). 8.00 Hidden Kingdoms. Risk-taking wildlife artist Wolfgang Weber captured with award-winning

cameraman Dieter Plage, See preview (S) (4647).*

9.00 Auf Wiedersehen Pet (7111).*

10.00 The World of Lee Evans, Repeat of Evans's series of silent comedy dramas. An acquired taste, to say the least (R) (S) (104395). *

10.35 Eurotrash (R) (S) (716314). 11.10 The White Room. The impressive live music show – just occasionally on the self-Important side (witness last week's double act from Tricky and Terry Hall) ends its run with Massive Attack, Everything But the Girl, Gary Numan, Sting, David Bowie and Lou Reed (S) (222550).

12.10 The Girlie Show. Last night's tedium featuring "tough women" – a welterweight boxing champ and a group of kung-fu nuns from New York (R) (4895425).

1.00 The Legend of the 4 Kings. Manga (S)

1.55 Twilight Zone. The Devil sits in on a poker game in an episode directed by Wes Craven (S) (4814680).
 2.20 Beat Specials. Featuring Pulp and The Sultans of Ping (R) (S) (2809715).
 3.20 Paris Degout (Alexei Sayle) is committed to an

asylum. John Bird guests (R) IS) (97805338). To

ASL London except 12.30pm Movies, Garnes and Videos (45145). 1.40 Films Ambush at Tomahawk Gap (7022181). 3.05 RoboCop (28597289). 5.20 Warner Carbon (3104260). 12.15am Pylama Party (2759154). 1.40am Furny Business (3519970). 2.10am American Goldators/4559203; 3.00am Film: The Last Oragon (438116). 4.45am Music Box Pro-files (32359680), 5.00-5.30am Wanted Dead or Afwe

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As London except 12.30pm Moves, Games and Videos (45145). 1.40 Bugs Burny Speed (42871647). 2.10 Films in Search of a Golden Sky (8340-13). 9.10 Time: Full Time (3124024). Yorks: Scoretine (3124024). 2.15am The War of the Worlds (455574). 3.05am Customs: Classified (1635357). 3.50am Creech (18870777). 4.15am Cue the Music (4541680). 5.20-5.30am Profile (8569661).

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm Heardand (45145), 2.10
Cartoon Time (20019531), 2.25 Arwolf (4606376),
3.20 Thurder in Paradise (6234043), 4.15 The fildas Touch (223463), 5.10 Central Match - Goals Extra (3124024), 5.00am Joblinder (5367222),
5.20-5.30am Asian Eye (8569661),

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RESIGNATION AS LONDON Movies, Garnes and Videos (45145), 1.40 The Munsters Today (42881/124), 2.05 Eugs vs Daffy: Battle of the Music Video Stars (29757260), 2.35 A World of Worder (3828227), 2.55 Kright Rider (1652173), 3.50 Amont (3462145), 13.15 Physical Residence (1652173), 3.50 Physical Resi 12.15am Pyjama Party (2759154). 1.40am Furny Business (4519970). 2.10am American Gladiators (4659203). 3.00am Film: The Last Dragon (439116). 4.45am Music Box Profiles (32359690). 5.00-5.30am. Wanted Dead or Alive (62425):

As C4 except 11.00am The Persuaders (84840) 22,000 Years in Sing Sing (3923531), 220 (50x); Rhyngwladol (56812024), 6.30 Hollydels (85), 7.00 Newyddion Nos Sadwm (992173), 7.15 Halen Yn Y Gwaed (207685): 8.15 Hel Stracon (594463). 8.45 Yng Nghwmn Caryl (593734): 9.15 Films Peles Filends. (37271579). 1.55-2.20am The Twilight Zone

Radio

Radio 1

(21 6:59 8M42 FM) 7.00am Kévin Greening 10.00 Dave Péarce 12.30 Danny Baker 2.30 Jo Whiley 5.00 John Peel 7.00 Lovegroove Dance Party with Danny Rampling 9.00 Radio I Rap Show 12.00 Essential Mix: Howie E 2.00 Annie Nightingale's Chill Out Zone 4.00-7.00am Radio 2

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9.00 Building a Library, Annette Morreau compares available recordings of Brahms's two cello sonatas. 10.15 Record Release, Bubin

stein: The Demon. Prokofiev: The Fiery Angel. Tcharkovsky: Eugene Önegir 11.15 Peissues 12.00 Private Passions, The voung British composer James MacMillan shares his musical choices with Michael Berkeley

ence. Georgina Ferry meets. scientific pioneers working in Britain during the Fifties who revealed the structure of proreins and DNA, (1/4). 1.20 Youth Orchestras of the World, An all-American edition

which includes the first British performance of William Schu-man's baseball opera The Mighty Casey, performed by stu-dents from the Juilliard School in New York, Plus Charles Ives's Universe Symphony, left unfin-ished at his death but now reaitsed after 20 years work by:

Larry Austin (S/B).

3.05 Letters from Paul Cezanne. A Painter to the End. (5/5). brother of the English Orphaus, Daniel Purcell, performed by soprano Evelyn Tubo and the

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posed to be commemorating and ter Sallis and Nicky Henson (left).

5.00 Jazz Record Requests. 5.45 Music Matters. Ivan Hewett listens to the haunting sound of Bulgarian tolk choirs, Ed-ward Elgar and the Hungarian violinist Jelly d'Aranyi. 6.30 Live from the Met: Aida.

Verdi's apic Eygptian. Cast in-cludes Nina Rautio, soprano IAidai, Oolora Zajick, mezzo (Amnens), Michael Sylveste Orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera, New York/Christian Badea, Act 1, (7,15-7,35 Stendhal in IIaly. I Act 2. (8.20-8.40 The Met Opera Quz. I Act 3. (9.20-9.40 The

Fullness of Harmony,I Act 4.

10.30 Book of the Month. With chic Peter kernp and poet Sarah Maguire.

10.50 Impressions. Brian Morton is joined by John L Walters, Editor of Unknown Public, to review some of the recent jazz releases. Plus a recorded session by four leading British im-provisers: Evan Parker (saxophones). Kelth Rowe (guitar), Barry Guy thass1 and Ed-die Prevost Idrums). 12.30-1.00am Piano Mari. Alun

Morgan profiles Earl Hines, the lather of Jazz piano. (1/6). 5.55-7.00am Open University. One-One and Composite Func-tions, 6.15 The Oreaming of the Bones by WB Yeats, 6.35 Language and the Novel.

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Looking forward to the millennium Patrick Wright asks what we're suphow we're going to do it, in Kaleido-scope Feature (7.20pm R4). Looking backward to the Golden Age of cinema, there's a radio version of the classic whodunnit Death at Broadcasting House 2.30pm R4, with Pe-

11.30 Europhile, David Walter goes to Madrid on the eve of the elections and asks if Spain is ready to say goodbye to the Socialist government which has been in power for 15 years. 12.00 Money Box. 12.25 Just a Minute.

12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby's guests are Roger Freeman MP, Jimmy Knapp, General Secretary of the Na-tional Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers: Peter Mandelson MP; and Baroness

Mandelson MP; and Baroness Perry of Southways. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Any Answers? 2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Death at Broadcasting House. An adaptation of the Thirties film in which an actor is strangled during the like transmission of dung the live transmission of a play. With John Moffatt and Peter Sallis. See Choice. 4.00 News; That's History. 4.30 Science Now.

5.00 File on 4. 5.40 Letters from the Green Room, Shella Steafel reads from her expenences in the world of TV commercials, 12/4). 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.25 Week Ending. 6.50 Postcard from Gotham.

7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature.
Patrick Wright ponders why,
when millions of pounds are on
offer for ideas to mark the milfermium, none of the proposals offered thus far have captured the imagination of the nation. 7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Whisky Galore. A dramatisa-tion of Compton Mackenzie's

wartime comedy, with Bernard Holley and Oolina Maclennan.

9.20 Music In Milld.

9.50 Ten to Ten.

9.59 Weather.

10.15 An Unfortunate Turn of Events. John Howard looks at

why the building societies made huge losses with estate agencies in the Eighties. (2/6). 10.30 The Sound of Fury. A play by Mike Walker, inspired by events in the life of Billy Fury who, stricken with rheumatic fever as a child and not expect-ed to live beyond the age of 20, went on to become 8ritam's anton Lesser and Rory Bremner. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Story: The Reach

of Love by Mike McCormack. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00am As World Service.

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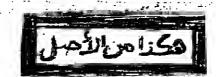
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Bibi, is on his best behaviour. The suicide bombs that exploded in Jerusalem and Ashkelon last Sunday, killing 23 Israelis, have certainly saved Israel's opposition leader from humiliating defeat in the forthcoming elections and could make him Prime Ministra in these months? Time In the days since elections and could make him Prime Minister in three months' time. In the days since the bombings, he has oozed moderation, urging restraint and promising not to exploit the tragedy for his own Likud party's advantage. He does not have to. Shimon Peres, the Labour Prime Minister, is already badly wounded by the bombings. "Another three more attacks like this and Peres loses the elections," says one of the government's advicers into attacks like this and Peres loses the elec-tions," says one of the government's advisers.

"There is no strategy that can counter explod-ing buses. Bibi appeals to Israelis in the way Pat Buchanan appeals to Americans. When the gut speaks, Bibi can smile."

Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the House, might be a better parallel. He and Mr

Netanyahu share the same soundbite fluency. Both are surer in attack than defence and have been despised and underestimated by their numerous enemies as successful opportunists short on real policies. Mr Netanyahu has none of Buchanan's social populism but shares his ability to tap into the voters' anxieties. And there is no doubt what makes the Israeli voter anxious at the moment; he fears that the Oslo accords, agreement with the Palestinians, have made his life more dangerous rather than safer. Across Israel last week, parents were walking or driving their children to school rather than allowing them to take a bus. Sud-denly, Mr Netanyahu's claim that he can deliver "peace with security" looked very attractive. He says it is possible to beat sucide bombers – though he does not disclose how – and, if elected, he would would go on talking to the Palestinians, though he will refuse to meet Yasser Arafat.

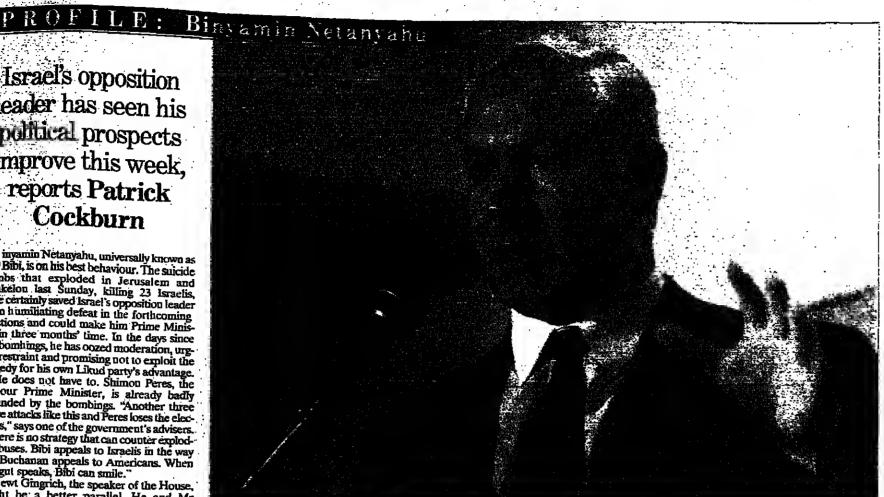
These policies may be contradictory, but polls show that so are the views of the Israeli voter. But Mr Netanyahu has to be very cautious. He only just survived the moment last November when Leah Rabin nearly refused to shake his hand at her assassinated husband's funeral. "It's loo late," she said to him, as she finally extended her arm. She meant that it was too late for him to express regrets. for his part in creating a climate of violence in the months before Mr Rabin was mordered. Mr Netanyahu tried to brush off her remarks by saying she was distraught, but he was polit-

ically badly damaged.

His new caution was visible last week. A year ago. Mr Netanyahu would probably have visited the scorched wreckage of Bus 18. in which 23 Israelis died, and made some outspoken criticisms of the government. Instead, he stayed away and his comments were mild, saying suicide bombers did not distinguish between Likud and Labour voters. The election is not until 29 May and, as the emotional reaction to the bombs dies away, he does not want to be charged once again with irre-sponsibility. Panicked by its plunge in the polls. Labour is gearing up for an attack on Mr. Netanyahu's character. It has plenty of ammunition, though it has

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All things in moderation: since the bombings, Binyamin Netanyahu has urged restraint

Can Bibi beat the suicide bombers?

will contrast Mr Netanyahu's youth - he is only 46 - and inexperience with that of Shimon Peres, 72, who was running the Israeli Defence Ministry when Mr Netanyahu was a baby. If elected, he will be the first Israeli leader not to have taken part in the 1948 war of independence. The son of a distinguished historian, who specialises in Jewish history in Spain in the Middle Ages, he is very much the creature of the Israel that developed after the 1967 war.

effective on television. Good-looking, with intense, darting eyes, he is also an effective platform performer, though he gives the impression that he has seldom had to face hard questioning. He is the ambor of several books, though they have a glib, propagandist quality and have done little for his reputation.

From the beginning of his political career, Mr Netanyahu has proved accident-prone but also apparently unsinkable. He appeared on

'He appeals in the way Pat Buchanan appeals to Americans. When the gut speaks, Bibi can smile'

commando, but his family's reputation for milstems from his brother, Jonathan, who died leading the Israeli raid to free prisoners on a hijacked plane at Entebbe in 1976. Bibi's political career took off in the Eighties, the Likud's years of success. His rise into the Israeli political elite took place in the US, where be took a degree in architecture and husiness administration and was then number two at the Israeli embassy in Wash-

In 1984, he became Israeli ambassador to the UN, a role in which he was in constant demand on US television. He speaks perfect English, not proved very effective in the past. Labour in a rich, beguiling voice that is particularly

Binyamin Netanyahu spent five years as a television to confess to being unfaithful to his third wife, Sarah. There was talk of a "hot Netanyahu was having an affair

In the campaign for the Likud leadership in 1993 - after the party's shock election defeat the previous year – he went on television to accuse "a gang of criminals" of trying to black-mail him over a sexual escapade. The implication was that David Levy, his opponent for the Likud leadership, was involved. Mr Netanyahu claimed he had clear proof, a charge that turned out to be wholly untrue and for which he apologised - hut only after he had won the leadership contest. He did nothing to stop David Levy leaving Likud to form his own party, though this year he is prepared to pay a heavy price to woo him back. It is a measure of the hatred generated by Mr Netanyahu's vicious campaigning that for three years Mr Levy has refused to mention his name and cuts him dead if he sees him in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament

Throughout this period. Mr Netanyahu was catching up with Mr Rahin in the polls. The suicide bomb attacks on targets in the heart of Israel in 1994 and 1995 made all Israelis feel vulnerable. Mr Netanyahu decided to bet heavily on the settlers of the West Bank and the extreme right, both totally opposed to the Oslo peace deal. He and his entourage mocked warnings that things might get out of hand, leaving him deeply vulnerable when Yigal Amir assassings of the Police of th nated Mr Rahin on 4 November.

The suicide bombings in Jerusalen Ashkelon mean that Mr Netanyahu can return to the policy that served him well for two years. Its expression is likely to be more moderate. He now leaves it unclear if he opposes or accepts the Oslo accords. He says he "would not send back the tanks" into autonomous Palestinian areas, but implies that the government should cancel its withdrawal from Hebron. It may be difficult to maintain this ambiguity for three months, and Israeli voters could come to feel that if Mr Netanyahu wins, the likelihood is more suicide bombs rather than less.

Why we must be stewards of our soil

Managing this neglected resource is vital to our future, says John Houghton

land. But environmental policies have often taken soil for granted. Soil is of vital importance because we use it to produce our food. It is also an integral part of the landscapes and habitats we value so highly in the countryside.

In our report Sustainable Use of Soil, published this week, the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution set out to establish whether the effects would be sustainable if current human activities that affect soils, and present trends, continued unchanged for the next 100 years.

Sustainability in the use of soils does not meen avoiding all changes, or trying to restore damaged soils to some pristine state. But it implies that human activities ought not to deplete resources of soil at a faster rate than these can he replenished by natural processes or human intervention. We must be careful not to cause lasting damage to the natural resilience of soils, about which we have little understanding

At global levels there are extensive areas degraded by over-exploitation and mismanagement. Within the next 20 years the world will probably begin to run out of land that can be brought into agri-cultural use. It will also be increasingly difficult to meet the rising demands for water. Feeding the world's grawing population may he made considerably harder by climate

The UK has fertile soils and there is no widespread damage of the kind apparent in many other countries. The UK might have to become more self-sufficient in food in the 21st century - we might even become a net exporter of food. That makes our own resources of

The Royal Commission helieves that there ought to he an explicit policy to protect soil. Our central recommendation is that the Government should draw up and imple-ment such a policy. The aim will he to ensure that the use made of soils for all purposes is the optimal sustainable use.

The pressure on UK soils comes not only from agricul-ture, but extraction of peat and other minerals, from con-

Soil, air and water are the tamination caused by industrial operations, from various forms of waste disposal, from atmospheric pollution and, last but not least, from urbanisation. The continuing transfer of substantial amounts of rural land to urban uses, espe-cially in fertile lowland areas and areas of high aesthetic value, is a major threat to the sustainable use of soil resources. Already, built-up areas and roads cover oneeighth of England. If such growth were to continue at what was the average annual rate between 1945 and 1990, more than a fifth of England would be covered by built-up areas and roads by the end of

the next century. The solution must lie in recycling previously developed land for new uses. This depends on removing any contamination that would be an obstacle to re-use. At the present rate of remediation however it could take 100 years to remediate soil on the contaminated sites that now exist. We need to find ways of harnessing marketing forces to help achieve more effective recycling based on the best practicable environmental option. But this will not be achieved by market forces alone, and we recommend a more pro-active approach by

government agencies. Wise stewardship of soils is almost always in the direct interests of farmers. But goveroment departments must do more to ensure that they have adequate advice about soil conservation. A welcome development is integrated farming systems that optimise inputs of pesticides and fertilisers, and employ techniques such as crop rotation and natural pest and disease control.

The new Environmental Agencies have a very imporant role in making up for the previous neglect of soils. Their new functions in relation to contaminated land should be brought into effect as soon as possible. The other legislation applying to them should be reviewed within three years to ensure that they seek the best practicable environmental option in all their activities.

Sir John Houghton is Chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution

Singers who bring the House down

Two more stars have left Covent Garden in the lurch. But they have good reason, says Peter Popham

Following its six-week display of dirty laundry courtesy of the BBC's documentary cameras, the Royal Opera House had another embarrassment on its hands this week when the sensational Weish bass-baritone Bryn Test withdrew from its forthcoming production of Strauss's Arabella, which opens on 27 March. This in itself might have been supportable had it not come hard upon the announcement three weeks ago that the show's other star,

Amanda Roocroft, was also pulling out.

It was inevitably being described as a double whammy for the House. The casting had filled opera-lovers with delicious anticipation. In Strauss's opera, the eponymous Arabella, daughter of a dissolute count, and the dashing Croatian landlord Mandryka, who falls in love with her, are both young parts; the emotions that wrack them are callow, barely post-pubescent. But Strauss's score is of such difficulty that the roles are normally tackled by singers well into middle age. In Teriel and Roccroft, the ROH had succeeded in capturing two singers with soaring reputations and voices big enough for the challenge, who were also just about young enough - they are both 30 - to sing the Mills and Boon ish libretto with a degree of plausibility. It was also going to be the first time they had sung

together, a "dream-team debut".
Now Covent Garden has lost them
both. And it comes in the wake of the painfully public jet downs the House had to put up with during the documentary series. Denye of Graves pulling out of Carner after one performance with a sore throat, and Jeffrey Black in Figable having to be replaced at the last minute by a singer, Thomas Allen, who had never even clapped eyes on the set or conductor before he went on stage. The essectial reason is because in or conductor before he went on stage. The essential reason is because in To the outsider it looks like carelessness most cases it is not caprice. Pavarotti or worse — a bad habit. The House is notorious for cancelling performances on giving these youngsters their mances at short notice but nobody has been giving these youngsters their mances at short notice but nobody has hig breaks; for its pains, if keeps getgiven him his cards. Correction
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Perfectionist: Weish bass-baritone Bryn Terfel (right) decided to withdraw

son, there seems to be no comeback, no showdowns in court. The House smiles sweetly and turns the other cheek. "They've been absolutely won-derful about it," trilled Dorcen O'Neill,

The essential reason is because in of all to the non-opera-going lay per- Lyric Opera, did just that in 1989, sack-

ing him publicly and in perpetuity for reneging on 24 out of 41 scheduled performances. But that was one particularly iron-willed American. There are few others in the opera world with that sort of style.

Terfel has gone down so sensationally in America that he has been lumbered with the awful nickname "Taffyrotti". But he has yet to develop an ego to match the nickname, and neither he nor Receroft has a reputation for leaving opera houses in the lurch. Terfel's work schedule, however, helps to explain why opera fans around the world are increasingly being disappointed by their favourite stars.

singing at New York's Metropolitan Opera House two years later, his career took off like a rocket - he is now booked solio through 1999 and his agent is taking reservations for well into the next century.

. It is natural that the world's opera houses should want to get their claws into the up-and-coming stars good and early, but it is equally natural, nay inevitable, that Bryn Terfel cannot be sure what his circumstances will be two. three, four or seven years hence. Terfel is currently singing the role of Nick Shadow in Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress with the Welsh National Opera. His agent explains that "He Terfel made his debut at the didn't realise until he sang it on stage bella, a few off-stage frissons salzburg Festival in 1992, and, after what a demanding role it was going to help to keep the place alive.

be. He's learnt all the part of Mansryka [in Arabella], but he felt that he wouldn't do full justice to it, and as he's a perfectionist, rather than give it 90 per cent, he decided to withdraw.

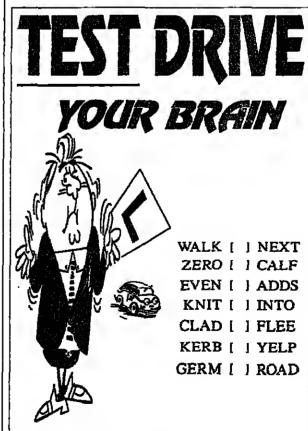
Amanda Roocroft's excuse is even better. Two years ago, when she signed up for Arabella, she couldn't have known that four months before it was to open she was going to have a baby; nor that, following the birth, she would have such a struggle to rebuild her strength. "It's not because she wanted to be indulged as a new mother," the press office at Covent Garden insists. but she needs more time to huild up her stamma."

The scathing reviews that followed her Wigmore Hall recital last month (after she had already announced that she was pulling out of Arabella) will have convinced her she made the right

Covent Garden, like other opera houses in similar situations, is left to эстabble around for last-minute substitutes, paying top dollar for names (such as the American soprano Cheryl Studer, who replaces Roocroft) that will keep the box office busy. But the Royal Opera is not too desperately in need of our sympathy. For all the moaning about untairness that preceded the showing of The House, the documentary series has done Coveot Garden enormous good in terms of public interest; requests to join the mailing list have poured in, and ticket

sales are up.
Whatever the backstage controversies the programme exposed, it also revealed the true glamour and excitement of an opera house's work, which has nothing to do with tedious argu-

ments about élitism. Now the dramatic comings and goings of famous principals help to keep that memory fresh. And when the action on stage is as clunky and contrived as that provided by Strauss's Arabella, a few off-stage frissons can only



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obituaries/gazette Pierre Verger

Pierre Verger first made his name as one of the co-founders of Alliance Photo, an agency of on the South Sea Islands. As who happened to be an expert on Yoruba Divination Systems, and Théodore Monod, then independent photographers in France during the early 1930s. It included such famous names as Henri Cartier-Bresson, André Kertész, Man Ray, Pierre Boucher and Robert Capa. From then on, for the rest of his life, Verger worked primarily as a freelance photo-journalist addicted to travelling.

Pierre Boucher introduced him to the art of photography. in 1932. At the same time he also experienced what might now be called a slightly early "mid-life crisis". Finding the idea of ageing degrading and useless, he decided to leave this world when he reached 40. This left him 10 years, every one of which was to be lived fully and with no compromises either with money or social amhition.

He decided to give up the parochial life of Paris and his rather boring work in the family printing firm and to travel the world, with little baggage and a trusty Rolleiflex camera. For the next 50 years he took some 65,000 photos for a large variety of publishers. He has over 60 other publications to his name, and in 1982 published Fifty Years of Photographs, a photographic autobiography.

In 1934 he met George Henri Rivière, then Assistant Director of the Musée de



Verger had just returned from there, Rivière was able to use many of his photographs. A lifelong friendship developed, and as Verger became more ethnographer than photo-journalist so his association with the Musée de l'Homme continued and grew until well into the 1980s.

A chance contact in 1934 with the Daily Mirror earned him enough money to visit black Africa. He journeyed across the Sahara to Togo, where he developed a deep contact with the Yoruba people. The Mirror evidently liked his work and offered him a lucrative contract for the exclusive rights; but Verger refused, in spite of a pre-carious financial situation, hecause he could not bear to give

The following year he was asked by Paul Hartman, a wellknown French publisher, to illustrate a hook on Spain, He had recently completed a photographic tour of Andalusia which suited Hartman admirably. In 1937 his pictures were included in the book South Sea Islands. The same year he covered the Sino-Japanese war for Ce Soir, photographing the siege of Shanghai and the evacuation of the Chinese; he also recorded an interview with General Chiang Kai-shek.

In 1938, still worried by the idea of dying at 40, he calculated that he had only 1,500 more days to live. He bought a tape measure 1.5m long and resolved to cut off 1mm per day as a constant reminder of his mortality, and to give him the necessary boost to "get on" with his life and interests.

In Mexico when the Second World War was declared, he travelled the following year to Dakar and was drafted into a photographic unit of the French army. Dakar provided him with two important future contacts: his old friend Bernard Maupoil,

Director of the Institut Français d Afrique Noir (Ifan).

Demobilised, in 1941 Verger went to South America. where he worked for Argentine Libre and the review El Mundo Argentine. Moving to Peru the following year, he spent 1942-46 as photographer at the National Museum. Lima. When the last millimetre was teft on his "life" tape he read Lin Yu Tang's The Importance of Living, which changed his mind about

continuing to live.

The urge to travel and "move remained. At Bahia in Brazil. Verger felt a close affin-ity with the Yoruba/African population's culture. He was en-couraged by Professor Roger Bastide of Sao Paulo University to pursue the ethnology of black Africa in the Old and New World.

In 1948, in Bahia, Verger met Doña Senhora, a senior priestess of the Yoruha Oshun cult. She saw him as the "Go-Between", a messenger be-tween the religions of the old and new world. He was subsequently inducted into the Yoruha cult of Sango, the Thunder God. His interest in the religious life of the Yoruha grew into a passion which was to illuminate his entire life. In Ketou, Dahomey Inow

Benin), in 1952, Verger was ful-ly initiated into the Yoruha religion and given the name "Fatumbi". He also became a "Babalawo" ("father of secrets". a senior official's rank) of the Ifa divination cult. This gave him a unique insight into the society he loved - and a tremendous responsibility not to reveal the priest's rites. On a recent visit to the School for Oriental and African Studies at London University, he told the students: "If you want to become anihropologists, don't ever ask questions - just sit down and listen."



The academic world was beginning to take an interest in his work - Ifan gave him scholarships, demanding some form of publication in return, and he received a doctorate for his thesis on the slave trade; in 1975 the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris (CNRS) offered him a directorship. Despite these honours he still referred to his academic colleagues as "colourless

parrots' My first work with Pierre Verger was in 1968 when he asked me to help design the dis-

plays for a museum of the slave trade in Porto Novo, Dahomey. Our long friendship was recently reinforced with the publication of his last major work, a 762page volume on the use of plants in Yoruba society, enti-tled Ewe ("leaves" in Yoruba). whose texts were collected over 40 years. It is illustrated by his lifelong friend Carybé, and 1 designed a typeface for the Yoruba language. Verger's brother priests in Bahia told him that he "could not die - the gods would not let him" until it was com-

pleted, which it was in Novem-

ber 1995. It has been prepared in Yoruba, Portuguese, English and French versions.

The Pierre Verger Founda tion at Bahia in Brazil was inaugurated in March 1988 to create a study centre for all material - texts, recordings and photographs - related to the interconnected cultures of West Africa and Brazil.

Doig Simmonds

Pierre (Fatumbi) Verger, photographer and anthropologist: born Paris 4 November 1902; died Bahia, Brazil 11 February 1996.



1963-69; Director of Studies in

vice College 1970-76; Visiting Professor, Department of Govemment, London School of Economics 1988-94; FRHS 1973; married 1949 Judith Studd (two sons, two daughters, and one son deceased); died Bury St Edmunds 31 January 1996.

Frank Scotto, racehorse owner, Owner and breeder of horses died 27 February, aged 58. such as Greenheart, Ard Coal, Former chairman of Sedge- Fergie Foster, The Wilk, and

Professor Gordon Cherry

cil on research, leisure and recreation (for 10 years to 1977), and as Official Histori

an with his colleague Barry

Cullingworth, working on cab-

inet and other papers on envi-

ronmental planning in the post-war period (1970-75). From this investigation came his important publication Environmental Planning, Volume II: National Parks and Recreation in this Commental 11075.

the Countryside (1975). In addition, for 10 years Cherry was a member of the Lo-

Cherry was a member of the Lo-cal-Government Boundary Commission for England on the Landscape Advisory Com-mittee of the Department of Transport; and following his retirement.—Chairman of the Bournville Village Trust (of which he had been a trustee since 1979) From during his fi-

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nal illness when to a consider-

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able extent robbed of speech

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though undimmed in mind
and spiril - Cherry insisted on
reading trust papers. No one
who saw him in his last weeks

could fail to be moved by his

remarkable courage.

A man of deep religious

faith, Gordon_Cherry con-

tributed to a number of the

Church's studies of the envi-

ronment and society. He served,

for example, on the Bishop of

Birmingham's commission which published Faith in the Cay in 1980, and sal for many years on the Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility. In his village he acted as churchwarden and

secretary to the church council.

Among his recreations he dist-ed "church ecumenism" and

"enjoyment of family life". His

sharp intelligence, ebullient

personality and lively sense of

humour made him a stimulat-

ing as well as an immensely

Gordon Emariuel Cherry, town

ficer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne City

Planning Department 1963-68;

.. James T. Boulton

rewarding companion.

Gordon Cherry was a leading fulness of his walk - was gen-figure in the scholarly study of erously expended in activities town planning. He made a sig-mificant and lasting contribution which advised the Sports Counto the evolution of planning both as an academic discipline and as an area of public policy which has profound effects on people and the environment.

termination to interpret the present and shape the future through an understanding of the past: geography, history, economics, politics and town planning all contribute. To present day students this may seem almost self evidently ap-propriate; that in itself is a tribute to the methodology Ckerry pioneered through his research and writing.

His work is typified by a de-

research and writing.

A native of Barnsley – and always proud of his Yorkshire origins – he read Geography at
Queen Mary College, London,
graduating in 1953. After National Service he entered local government, working in city planning departments in Dur-ham, Hull, Doncaster, Sheffield and finally, in 1963, Newcastle upon Tyne where, under Wilfred Burns and Kenneth Galley, his research began to flourish. It was here that he prepared the material for his first book. *Town* Planning in its Social Context (1970).

A chance meeting with Pro-fessor Barry Cullingworth in 1968 led Cherry to accept an in-vitation to become Senior Leoturer and Deputy Director of the Centre of Urban and Regional Studies in Birmingham University. He found great satisfaction in the academic life; he was an exceptionally fine teacher, an efficient administrator and a productive scholar. Election lo the Chair of Urban and Regional Planning followed in 1976, between 1981: and 1986 he served as the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science, and, for the last four years before he took early retirement in 1991, he was Head of the School of Geog-

he found time to be the. university's Public Orator. Within his academic disci-pline, Cherry specialised in the history of planning. He was a founder member and chair-man of the Planning History Group, which evolved under his leadership into the International Planning History Society, whose overall aim is to define the character of contemporary planning problems through analysis of their historical origins. With the same objective he helped to found and then edit Planning Perspective, which is now the leading international

raphy. During the same period,

journal in the field. the same fundamental concern: Jey 6 February 1931; Research Of-Urban Change and Planning: (1972); The Evolution of British Town Planning (1974), The Pol- Professor of Urban and Regionitics of Town Planning (1982); al Studies, Birminghum Univer-Holford: a study in planning, ar-chitecture and civil design (with Faculty of Commerce and Social J.L. Penney, 1986); and his last Science 1981-86. Head, School book, Birmingham: a study in georgraphy, history and planning Orator 1987-91; Fellow, Institute (1994).

Gordon Cherry was never manities 1991-96; President, Royhappier than when fully en- al Town Planning Institute gaged: first in his list of recretions in Who's Who was "work". His energy—clearly vis-ible in the speed and purpose- Midlands 11 January 1996.

1978-79; married 1957 Margaret

Cox (one son, two daughters);

Henry Parris

Henry Parris's career was remarkable for both the depth and breadth of his scholarship. He was the author of three major works which mark him out as a first-class administrative historian, and an authority on

constitutional bureaucracy.
Partis won an Open Exhibi-lion to University College, Oxford, graduating in History in 1949. He was awarded an MA with distinction by Leeds University in 1954, and achieved a PhD at Leicester University in 1960. He lectured at universities including Sheffield and Durham, and was Director of Studies in Public Administration at the Civil Service College. He was Visiting Professor in the London School of Economics Department of Government from 1988 to 1994.

Parris's book Government and the Railways in Nineteenth Century Britain (1965) is highly relevant to today's controversy on privatisation, and challenges many assumptions of current laissez-faire doctrines. But he will be particularly remembered for his dialogue with Oliver MacDonagh about the "19th-century revolution in government", made famous by a series of articles and rejoinders that grew out of A.V. Dicey's on the Ecole National d'Adwork, in particular, Dicey's ministration and the Conseil

though 19th-century governments preached laissez-faire, they energetically practised intervention. The distinction between individualism and collectivism was never as clear-cut as the theorists maintained -

hoth policies were pursued side by side. The debate raised important issues about the roles of generalist civil servants (mandarins), and specialist experts in the shaping of policy - issues which re-emerged in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

More recently, he extended his studies beyond the confines of the UK with publications on Swedish and French administration. For a time, his articles d'Etat were the only works Parris demonstrated that, al- available in English, and are still a recognised authority. About a recent lecture, which Parris gave in French, the President of the fact that they had to get an Englishman to tell them the virtues of their institutions.

LSE from 1988 to 1994, Parris was responsible for the masters course and for supervision of doctoral students in the study of comparative public enterprises. He ranged widely over the practices of many countries, both developed and developing, and won the respect of the many graduate students who later went on to run public enter-

prises in their own countries. Henry Parris was an allrounder, without being super-ficial or dilettante. He had a deep affection for literature and poetry, was a member of the Trollope Society, and recently took a flourishing class in litthe Conseil d'Etat remarked on erature with the Bury University of the Third Age, of which he was a founder member and

former chairman. He was ac-

As visiting Professor at the tively involved in civic affairs, conservation and town-planning and a lifelong, though sometimes critical, supporter of the Labour Party. A keen feminist, he was a member of the Fawcett Society for 20 years.

Parris was a gentle, shy and retiring man, who loathed war. He was rejected by the War Of-fice Selection Board because he "totally lacked aggression". His distinction would have been more widely recognised had he not been so very diffident.

Henry Walter Parris, historian: born Reading 20 November 1923; Research Fellon; Manchester University 1959-61; Lec-

turer in History, Sheffield University 1961-63; Lecturer in Polities, Durham University

Niall MacDermot

Niall MacDermot was a most gifted and accomplished advocate, writes Lord Justice Otton I further to the obituary by Tam Dalyell, 26 Fehruary]. He had a commanding presence, handsome looks, a supple voice and a patrician but courteous manner. He was outstanding in cross-examination. He was an Robbers, where his crossexcellent pupil-master. He examination of Goody 1Two

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National Gatlery: Mari Griffith. "Eyes and Ears (it: Moroni, Portrait

of a Lady", 12pm. Victoria and Albert Museum:

Charles Newton. "Back of the Envelope", 2.30pm.

Tale Gallery: Laurence Bradbury.

"Watercolours by Cezanne", tpm; Richard Thomson, "Cezanne and

National Portrait Gallery: Grahan

Cottenden, Sarah Levitt, Naomi

saacs, "Victorian Costume", 10am

Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury. "Hogarth in Pollock: performances

The Princess Rayal, Patron, Soutish Raylo Union today attends the Southerd v England In-ternational Masch, Murrayfield Stadon, Edit-burgh The Duke of Edinburgh, President, Work-Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International tomortion visits Paris

CHAIRGING OF THE GUARD.

TUDA'S The Howehold Lin Jry Mounted Registers mounts the Concept Life Guard at Howehold Guard, by Heather Iron Guards of House Guards. Howehold Linguist Management Concept Guards, at Buckinghous Palone, II. Mans, hound provided by the Iron Guards. TO-MURROW The Household Carairy Mounted Registeral mounts the Concept Life Guards of House Palary.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard

Lectures

Rubens", 3,30pm.

TODAY

3.30pm.

TOMORROW

in paint", 2.30pm.

taught by example the value of preparation, the skill of argument and the art of how to carry and not confront the court. When he returned to the Bar in 1968 he was soon in demand for important cases, notably for the prosecution team in the trial of the Great Train

TODAY: Ms Pat Arrowsmith, peace

campaigner, 66: Miss Margaret Bur-

ieri, ballerina, 49; Mr Harry Blech,

founder of the London Mozart Play-

ers. 86: Lady Moyra Browne, former superintendent. St John Ambulance

Brigade, 78; Sir Thomas Chitty Bt (Thomas Hinde), author, 70; Sir

Leonard Crossland, farmer and for-mer chairman, Eaton Ltd, 82: Rear-

Admirat Sir Charles Darlington,

former Director of the Naval Edu-

cation Service, 86: Lord Elion, for-

mer government minister, to: Mr Jon

Finch, actor, 56: Mr John Gardner,

composer, 79; Mr Mikhail Gor-

baches, former president of the So-viel Union, 65; Sir Donald Gosling.

joint chairman, National Car Parks Ltd, 67: Mr Rouald Groves, former

chairman, Meyer International, 76; Lord Howie of Troon, engineer,

publisher and journalist, 72: Cardinal Best Hume, Architshop of West-

minster, 73; Dame Naomi James.

vachiswoman, 47; Mr Nicholas Lar-

rold, Ambassador to Latvia, 50: Mrs

Jennifer Jones, actress, 77; Mr. Robert Lloyd, operatic bass, 50; Sir John Manduell, composer, and Prin-cipal, Royal Northern College of Ma-

sie, 68; Mr Hugh Monro, Headmaster, Clitton College, 46; Lt-Gen Sir Robert Richardson, 67;

Mr Robert Simpson, composer, 75:

Mr John Tusa, managing director. Barbican Centre, bit. Mr John Peter

Rhys Williams, rugby player and surgeon. 47: Mr Ian Woosnam.

TOMORROW: Mr Ernest Brad-

Hon Peter Brooke CH MP, 112; Str

George Gardiner MP. 61; Mr David

Glencross, chief executive, ITC, 60:

Dr Rod Hackney, past president, RIBA, 54; Mr Takashi Ishihara.

ary, writer and broadcaster, 77; The

Birthdays

Shoes) delighted the cognoscenti. His last major brief was on behalf of the Wing Airport Resistance Association before the Roskill Commission Enquiry into the third London

If he had stayed at the Bar. appointment to the High Court Bench would have been as-

Eleanor MeLapohlin, former Lord

Provost and Lord Lieutenant of Ed-

inburgh, 58: Air Vice-Marshall

Charles Manghan, 75: Lord Mellish

former government minister, 53: Professor Neil Merritt, former Vice-

Chancellor, Portsmouth University, 57: Mr James Mitter, Headmaster,

Royal Grammat School, Newcastle

upon Tyne, 45; Mr Peter O'Sulievan,

racing commentator. 78: Sir Mask

Prescott, racehorse trainer, 48, Miss

Miranda Richardson, actress, 38,

Mr Ronald Searle, artist and car-

toonist, 76, Professor R.H. Graham

Suggett, Principal, Warwickshire Col-lege, 60: Lord Templeman, a termer

Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 76: Mrss Patima Whithread, javelin thr twee.

TODAY: Births: Sit Thomas Budiey, diplomat and bibliophile, rounder of

the Bodfeian Library, 1545; Samue

Houston, Texan statesman, 1743

Bedrich Smetana, composer, 4824;

Kurt Julian Weill, composer, 1949.

Deaths: John Wesley, founder of Methodism, 1791; Horace Walpole,

fourth Earl of Orford, nevels; and historian, 1797; David Herbert Lawrence, novelist, 1930; Howard

Carter, painter and Egyptologist, 1939. On this day: the "War of Or-

anges" started between Spain and Portugal, Tool: the British Com-

monwealth Trans-Autoratic Expedi-

tion, led by Sir Visian Fuchs, arrived

at Ross Island, 1958; the French page

totype Concorde made as first test

flight, 1969. Today is the Feart Day

of St Chad or Caedda, St Joacan of Britany and The Martyrs under the

TOMORROW: Burtles: Thomas Of-

way, playwright, 1552; Alexander

Graham Bell, inventor of the tele-

phone, 1847; Sir Henry Joseph

Wood, fougder of Promenade Cor-

Birthdays

ifested the judicial virtues of firmness and fairness when Deputy Chairman of Bedfordshire Quarter Sessions, Recorder of Newark-on-Trent and

Recorder of the Crown Court. MacDermor tilled the post of Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists with distinction for 20 sured, as he had already man- years. He combined his deep

Carpenter Cactress, 1911, Deaths:

Report Adam, architect, 1792; Noet

commitment to the Rule of Law and Human Rights with his skills as a lawyer, politician and diplomat. On his missions, to Africa, South Africa, Greece, Japan, he was often successful in persuading heads of state to respect democracy, law and justice. In 1975 he became a member of the Council for the International Institute of Hu-

man Rights and in 1980 the Council of Europe awarded his commission the first ever prize in Human Rights; this was followed by the Waterler Prize and in 1989 the Erasmus Prize. He was also jointly responsihle, with Jean-Jacques Gautier,

for establishing the prestigious Association for the Prevention of Torture field racecourse, near Durham. Irish Gent.

BBC Radio delights in post-midnight discussions. Recently at 2 am, 1 found my-self involved in a "round table" discussion with Jean Aitchison, the current Reith Lecturer; and we examined the decay or. growth of the English language. Since English is my third language, it was chutzpah on my part to challenge the others who wanted a wide open language which could leap over the old barriers of grammar, do an entrechal with a triple negative, and wind up with an infinitive split

in order to establish today's language.
I did not quarrel with them—I envied them! They were exercising their birthright of local language, new rap music and to-day's experiences in a triumphant (or triumphalist?) expansion of their web of communication. Jean Airchison's Reith Lectures state their case brilliantly.

But I am an outsider, or at least on the margin. English grammar is not quite a Zimmer frame for me, but I do have to lean upon it if I want to communicate. I know that present time and space shape our sentences; and so do our partners in speech. When I'm at a football match the language will differ, although where I sit we communicate in silent, desperate

prayer (I'm a QPR fan). When I'm at our theological college I hear different sounds which have reverberated through the centuries. And when l engage in religious dialogue with Christion colleagues we can only communicate because we live within a shared ancient history and have a vast unfinished agenda. Al night, I'm often swallowed up by the news media; and that is the time of

Our century has been filled with too much brotality and pain, and it has affected faith oreason

Rabbi Albert Friedlander, of the Westminster Synagogue, argues this week for the preservation of religious language. Profound thoughts demand words whichhave depth and history, he says.

our language. Bosnia and Rwanda, Cambodia and Somalia have silenced our tongues, and our imagination has withered.

After the Holocaust, Adorno suggested that poetry had lost its place in civilised discourse. He was right, for a limited time.

Today, I do not find our language richer. 1 find it weaker, filled with sub-terfuges and self-deceits. The noble dreams of the past have given way to the." greed of the lottery, and even synagogue and church have placed hand upon mouth m a Jobean gesture. Nevertheless, I must declare my interest and state that the religious sanctuary has become a rare" refuge of language. It was Wittgenstein and in Catholic worship, but would not give who argued that speech has meaning where the rules governing their use are established and agreed upon among users.
It does not mean that there are no ar-

fist fights there! But there is a set liturgy, all at prayer into one direction. The us as a token of transcendence

with the premise that there is the language of worship which becomes ritual, prayer, and communication with God in the eyes of the worshippers. The religious symbols become doorways into new areas of existence. And I must confess that I feel at home in the accient Hebrew language which does not permit a split infinitive and which has the myth and poetry of thousands of years incorporated into the texts

of prayer and study. Jean Aitchison has her 14th-century monk complaining about English with its "harrying and garrying grisbittying", its snarling and tooth-gnashing. But why decry power and passion? We find it in the Book of Job as well, in the speeches of the "friends" but also in Job's challenge of God. 1 love it. It gives me the passions of the past which live on in the synagogue but also in Israel.

Recently, I read an article by Amos Oz in the New Yorker where a majestic old/new language thundered in modern terms. And I would desire the intensity and depth of the English language preserved. I love English with a passion even when it is not requited, and long for at least echoes of of Milton and Donne and for a biblical text which at least remembers something of the King James version. I also want Latin back in the school curriculum

advice to Basil Hume. in the end, caught in the web of language of our world, I would like it to shimmer with the luminosity which fills guments in the house of worship - I've seen cathedrals and synagogues, where the structure of communication is built upon my Zimmer frame, which moves me and an awareness of a law which incurses upon

philosopher Leszek Kolakowski starts But perhaps that is too much to ask.

counseltor, Nissan Motor Co. 84; Mr Martin Levell, musician and leacher, 69; Mr Maurice Lynn, former Headmaster, the Oratory School, 45; Mrs | certs, later, Jean Harlow (Harlegn

Must all our liturgy be quite un-Donne?

Gay (Richard Moxon Armitage). composer and planist, 1954; Lou Codello Gugis Francis Cristillo), acthe and comedian, 1959; Danny Kaye (Daniel David Karminsky) ector and entertainer, 1987. On this days serfdom was abolished in Russia, 1961; the US Congress adopted
"The Star-Spangled Banner" as the
national anthem, 1931; the Apollo 9 spacecraft was launched from Cape Kannedy, 1966. Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Aelred of Ricyauls. St Asseim of Nonantola, St Arthe 528. St Chef, St Cunegund, empress St Emeterius, St Gervinus, Samu Marines and Assyrius, 51 Non or Nonnita and Si Winwaloe or

Dinners SI David's Day London Welsh

Celebration The Lord Mayor of London, Mr John Chaistrey, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their index, was the exect of honour at the 276 St David's Day London Welsh Calebration Danquet held vesterday evening it the Sevoy Holel, London WC2. Dr. D. Girfield Davies projected. Mr. How Edwards, Mr. Gibert Gray QC. Mr John Humphys and Dame Gwynelb Jenes were the speakers.

RAF Strike Command

Air Vice-Marshal T.B. Sherrington Air Office: Administration, Head quarters RAF Strike Command, was the historia Lasties Guesa Night held vesterday evening in the Officers' Mess, Headquarters Strike Commend, RAF High Wycombe, Wing-Cdr C.D. Evens presided, Wing-Cdr L.V. Palmer also spoke. Mr C.H. Grinstek Master of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, and Mrs Grip-

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market report/shares

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

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Gilts Index

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At one time the FT-SE 100 blue chip index was up 36 points as Government stocks cored gains of almost oneand-half points. But by the close Footsie's advance had been trimmed to 25.1.

The supporting index, measuring the next 250 shares. was in an even more confident mood. It closed 21.4 points higher at a record 4,236.4. The next Ken and Eddie meeting is due on Thursday and the stock market is con-

interest rate reduction. The atmosphere was sufficiently strong for some large lines of stock to be cleared.

vinced the Chancellor and

Governor will sanction an

Yorkshire Electricity was a star performer. The shares surged 39.5p to 793.5p as spec-ulation resurfaced of a US takeover. Evidence of US buying has become apparent and Yorkshire seems to he the sig-

nailed target. But stories of a Yorkshire strike have often sent the shares sizzling. At one time or another the group has been linked with a variety of possible predators.
Other electricities to catch

the takeover current included East Midland, up 9p to 732p; London 22p to 759p and Midland 8p to 402p. Waters also rose with Cazenove, the stockbroker,

said to be keen on the sector. Thames improved 7p to 539p. United Utilities, embracing electricity and water, was the

MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

on Merrill Lynch support and

Pilkington improved 5p to

214p on the back of Société

Trafalgar House had a fret-

ful session as worries multiplied

Kvaerner was attempting to

drive a much tougher bargain

with what it was finding at Trafs lowered the shares 2.5p to

44.75p in busy trading. The convertibles, up to 75p before-

than had been expected. Suggestion it was unhappy

hand, ended at 69.5p.

Générale Strauss Turnbull.

sideration of its results pushed the shares 21p up to 891p af-ter 903p. Its performance in-spired Alvis, the defence group, to a 12p advance to

157p, a peak. The Whitehall decision to refer the Lloyds Chemists take over to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission lowered the shares 24p to 459p. UniChem, one of the frustrated hidders, slipped 3p to 243p.

MFI, the flatpack furniture group, had the distinction of producing a trading statement which did not provoke a share fall. Its tale of higher sales and settled its followers with an in-creased loss which seemed to kill hopes of profits this year. The shares fused 107p to 225p.

They have falleo 177p this week. Viewinn surged 35p to 305p in a market desperately short of stock. Calls for more information from the company seemed harsh. It produced a prospectus when it floated in December at 100p. Only 3 million shares have been

Biotrace International, the healthcare group, continued its remarkable run, gaining 8p to 72p. ft has signed a European marketing agreement with a

German group.
The British Petroleum/Mobil deal left Frost, the petrol re-tailer, 6p lower at 121p. BP gained a further 5.5p to 545p.

to 47p on revived takeover talk Eastern Europe, jumped 13p but Memory Corporation, the to 187p on talk of a significant computer chip repairer, undeal over one of its mines. Some suggested a takeover bid at 250p.

English National Investment Co, which has been revamped, gamed 5p to 59p, a peak. The company is con-trolled by Joseph Lewis, the Bahamas investor who has built a near 30 per cent interest in Christies International. the auctioneer, and has also moved in on Union, the financial group. There are sug-gestions it could become his main UK investment vehicle.

Another Lewis interest Harmony, the property group, held at 4p. There is talk of a merger with Olives Property. Mr Lewis has around 10 per

cent of Harmony.

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☐Bluebird Toys' record breaking run could come to an end when it reports year's figures next week. Some are hoping for more than £20m but indications are profits will come in just below £18m against £19.7m last time. £80m in the bank, could launch a share buyback following the results; it aircady where takeover hopes imger, fell 2p to 318p.

[ISpecialeyes, the optical retailer, gained 4p to 26p, a year's high. It has received a payment from Customs and Excise for overpaid VAT exceptional inflow lifting profits to £7.8m against a £788,000 loss. Further VAT claims are likely.

The interest rate speculation helped retailers and builders Yorkshire best performing blue chip, gaining 19p to 599p. computer group, gave up 9p to 189p. Profits fell £308,000 to with Redrow climbing 17p to although a five-million parcel Specialeyes is using its riches to develop its shops. Its capi-149p. The shares were floated lower margins lifted the shares of Allied Domecq continued to British Aerospace was anop to 158p. at 135p two years ago. Navan Resources, with ex-£902,000. Up to £1.7m is likely hover, lowering the shares op talisation is only £4m. Pearson added 12p to 694p Cray Electronics firmed 2p other flying high. Further contensive mineral interests in **Share Price Data** Prices are in starting except where stated. The yield is lest year's div 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The pricelearnings of price divided by lest year's carnings per share, excluding exception Other details: are Exceptions as Ex-dividend as Ex all of Unlisted Securities pp Partly Pald pm Nil Paul Shares. The independent index Banks, Merchant Household Goods Anyone with 8 tone-dial telephone can use this service. For a de Calls cost 39p per minute (chesp rate), and 49p at all other times. Call charge Banks, Retail Market leaders: Top 20 volume 850000 Marie & Spenoer 850000 - Rdis Poyce 970000 Is.cos - 840000 - Hilladown 900000 Netional Grid - 800000 Savisbory FT-SE 100 Index hour by hour 14:00 3763.5 up 35.9 15:00 3758.7 up 311 16:00 3758.7 up 341 **Engineering Vehicles** 253 251 Euromany
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BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

German bid, to pass consideration back to the Office of Fair value of the stake held by Allen Lloyd by £2.2m to £42m. Trading.

e Department said it on the 9.9 per cent shareholdsurrently looking at the course of the bid and cuts the Lloyds and UuiChem.

The decision caused anger in The news means UniChem's the UniChem camp, whose ked into touch yesterthe Department of shares in Lloyds down 24p to shares are now thought to have shares in Lloyds down 24p to 459p, compared with Gehe's cash hid of 50(tp. while UniChem dipped just 3p to 243p. It leaves UniChem sitting that been investigated by the Monopolies Commission, fol-Monopolies Commission, folk the European Coming built up in Lloyds during the into bids for Macurthy by

In a statement, UniChem chief executive Jeffery Harris said: "We are very surprised and naturally very disappointed about the outcome of today's decision to refer the acquisition to the MMC. UniChem strongly believed that the acquisition would improve the efficiency of the distribution service to the independent pharmacist and that the creation of a larger retailing than will improve the competitiveness of our service, he said.

John Taylor, Minister for Competition and Censumer Affairs, said UniChem's proposals raised competition concerns in both the wholesale and retail markets in the UK. A takeover of Lloyds would add around 6 percentage points to the wholesaling market shares of both bidders, each of which currently holds around a third of the market. It would leave either with a chemists chain to rival Boots 1,200 pharmacies, but

still less than the market leader's 12 per cent market share.

UniChem's frustration stems from the fact that it spent several weeks before the announcement of its original bid in January attempting to scottle any competition concerns with the Office of Fair Trading. It befieved that proposals to sell two regional wholesaing oper-ations in the north of England and Scotland had quelled competition concerns.

There is also anger that the DTI has decided at such a late stage in the hid to call the Gehe hid hack from Brussels. given the similarity of the issues at stake. The timetable allows a turther three weeks while the request is processed, during which Gehe can continue to prosecute its bid but UniChem is blocked. The bid document for Gehe's revised offer announced last month is due out on Wednesday.



Allen Lloyd: Bid failure cuts

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of customers to rival suppliers. The domestic gas market itest threat to British opens to competition from 29 April in the South-west in an area covering 500,000 homes. Next year it extends to 2 million households with the market opening fully in 1998. Eastern joins a range of competitors including Total Gas and Amera-

> South Western Electricity was the first electricity firm to launch its gas service but this has been blighted by complaints to the Trading Standards Authority over aggressive doorstep

selling techniques. British Gas has yet to reveal its response. However there is a widespread view that it will feel unable to slash prices in the South-west for fear of upsetting customers elsewhere and to Government.

faces the growing prospect of a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission over n proposals by

Sportiswoode on what it can charge for the use of the pipes. She has signalled a clampdown on charges and if British Gas refuses to agree it must go to the

In the latest twist to the saga. it has emerged that a report by Arthur Andersen, commissioned by British Gas with the support of the rest of the industry, shows anomalies amounting to many millions of pounds in the valuation of Transco, the pipeline company. The asset base is a key part of the calculation of pipeline charges and rivals have argued that British Gas's £180n figure is far too large, suggesting that pre-sent charges are unfairly high.

British Gas has incensed rivals by saying that the report "clears the air once and for all" and vindicates its position. But while the report says that the overall values are "reasonable" it also highlights "obvious errors and ommissions" and "misstatements".

A spokesman for Transco said it was considering changing its valuation by about £200m but no more. One rival avoid incurring the wrath of the to the company said that the fig-Government. to the company said that the fig-ure should be reduced by Separately, the company £1.5bn or more but the Transco spokesman said that the specific changes recommended in the report amount to a fraction of



Lord Hanson's grand slam: The Hanson-owned Eastern Group plans to offer a domestic

Warburg 'set for more defections'

JOHN WILLCOCK

A clash of cultures in SBC Warburg's corporate finance department between the traditional Warburgers and their new SBC colleagues will lead to more defections, insiders predicted yesterday.

On Thursday two long-time directors of corporate finance left to join other banks, on the back of a number of recent departures. prompting renewed concerns about plummeting morale in the department that not long ago was the envy of the City.

Bonuses for 1995 have recently been announced and will be paid on 15 March. Analysts say this will swell the flow.

Tensions have been simmering since Marcel Ospel, the Swiss chief executive, took a tight rein on the department last

concentration on giving advice to clients has been sacrificed by the SBC side, who are geared to selling products. One insider last night described SBC's corporate finance

star, Brian Keelan, as "a culture clash for almost anyone". Another accused the former Mckinsey consultant brought in by SBC to run the corporate fi-

autumn. Some insiders are saying that Warburg's traditional

nance division. George Feiger. of having limited experience of The source said that Mr Feiger had reached his position

by being a consultant rather than by doing transactions. "He sees investment hanking as dividing everything up

into sectoral boxes and pushing all the firm's products

are suitable or not. It's not what the clients want." claimed senior director in curporate finance who had been with the the source. The same critic stressed that

in another key area, equities, the combination of Warburg's and SBC's businesses had been a resounding success. -More money has been

pumped into the business, and the analysis and traders are doing pretty well," he said. SBC Warburg's analysis consistently topped the league tables for

SBC Warburg itself has refused to be drawn on whether there are problems in the cor-proate finance department, but ources inside the bank describe

There has just been the usual flow of people in and out. according to the bank. On Thursday Nicholas Fry, a through them, whether they

bank for 20 years, left to head NatWest Markets' UK corporate finance division. On the same day Stella Coulthurst, a director of corporate finance who joined 10 years ago left to

join BZW, recruited by Mark

Seligman, another recent SBC Warburg defector. One observer noted that such a diaspora of senior figues was doubly damaging, in that they would now be well placed to recruit more people from SBC

Warburg. There are also growing rumours of important client losses, another reflection of the tensions within the corporate finance team. Others to have gone recently include Derek Higgs, to head the Pru-dential's investment arm.

price competition after the

marked slow-down in business

and Escom could cut prices in

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Industry tracker Dataquest

said Escom's market share in

Europe fell to 3.2 per cent in the

But industry analysts said

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Escom itself, majority-owned by

founder Manfred Schmitt, musi

per cent in 1994.

S Wales £60m aid package under scrutiny

RUSSELL HOTTEN

The Government, which yesterday announced a £230m investment in a South Wales electronics plant that will cre-ate 770 jobs, is believed to be giving almost £60m in grants owards the project.

European Commission officials are expected to study whether the grant package hreaks its competition rules, in a move that has echoes of the aurrent dispute over state aid for

QPL International, a Hong Kong-based manufacturer of microchips, is expanding its Newport Wafter-Fab division, which it bought in 1992. The existing operation employs 500 people, turning out micro-chips for personal computers and other electronic goods.

William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, said the investment had been won against stiff competition from France, Italy, and the US. As part of the aid package, the Welsh Development Agency is to design and build a new factory for QPL and lease the property to the company. David Rowe-Beddoe, chairman of the WDA, said the lease would be fixed at commercial rates. QPL is also getting regional selective assistance and training grants from the local Training and Enter-

prise Council. disclose the value of the grants. but other sources confirmed that reports in the Hong Kong press that the aid was HK\$700

£58m) were correct. Last year an £80m aid package towards Jaguar's £400m investment in a new plant in Birmingham caused concern in Brussels, and about £12m of the grants have still to be approved. It is claimed that the EC's competition office became increasingh frustrated hecause the Department of Trade and Industry was dragging its feet over providing full details of the

Mr Hague and Mr Rowe-Beddoe toured Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong in September banging the drum for investment in Wales, QPL is said to have indicated its intention to reinvest in Wales during a meeting with a WDA team in Hong

Kong in January.

OPLs decision follows the announcement last month of an investment by the South Korean Halla Business Group creating 300 jobs in Merthyr Tydfit and an expansion by Japan's Sumitomo Precision Products cre-

ating 100 jobs in Newport. Mr Rowe-Beddoc said: "It is a major investment for Wales. creating the type of highly skilled and well-paid jobs that we want; and this expansion also brings the possibility of even wider and longer economic benefits."



William Hague: 'Investment

Work is planned to start on the new plant later this year and it is due to begin production ear-ly in 1997. The WDA said all the joh vacancies should have been filled by mid-1998. Some of the grant money will be phased in as and when QPL meets the job creation target.

The Newport factory will produce eight-inch micron silicon wafer chips and have a peak production capacity of 10,000 wafers per month. The existing factory produces 4in and hin wafers used in semiconductors.

IN BRIEF

United's MAI merger approved

shareholders of United News & Media yesterday overwhelming approved a proposed merger with MAI. Lord Hollick's media and financial services company. The £3hn merger brings together two ITV licences, the Express newspapers, the Star, regional newspapers and magazines, and marks the first marriage between national newspapers and television since the Government's new Broadcasting Bill was tabled.

California puts curb on Lloyd's

Lloyd's of London has been issued with a cease and desist order hy the Californian state authorities, under which it may not offer or sell any further securities in the state. The Commissioner of orporations said the order was necessary in the public interest and for the protection of investors.

Deputy takes over from Quinn at Bank

Michael Foot took over yesterday as head of banking supervision at the Bank of England, stepping up from the deputy's slot to replace Brian Quinn, who decided not to seek a third term as executive director at the age of 59.

Japanese survey supports dollar

The dollar was supported yesterday against the yen by a survey of Japanese industry which showed that the recovery remained sluggish. This helped to allay fears in the currency and bond markets about an early rise in Japanese interest rates. The dollar ended at 105.46 against the yen, up from 105.17 at the Thursday close. It also strengthened against the German Mark and against ster-ling. The Bank of Japan revealed yesterday that it spent a record \$17bn in February purchasing the dollar in an attempt to pre-vent a sharp appreciation of the yen.

Job split at Walker Greenbank

Walker Greenhank has split the role of managing director between its consumer and commercial divisions. It has appointed Peter Mostyn as managing director of the consumer division and Roger Smurthwaite is now in charge of the commercial division.

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IL WALLACE

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rter of 1995. the Chancellor, Ken-

sociation of Purchasing Managers' index of activity rose to 45.2 from a weak 44.9 in January. The index has now been pointing to a contraction in manufacturing for seven months running.

November 1991. Signs of inflation in manufacturing have been receding for over a year. "Figures as drab as this mean the Federal Reserve will not want to do anything other than ease rates," said Ian Harwood,

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international economist at Kleinwort Benson. He predict-

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Governor of the Bank of England on Thursday, he will be able to point to encouraging news on prices and the overall weakness in manufacturing. The survey's prices index fell from 49.1 to 44.4. its low-

est level since January 1992. A further sign of weakness was that the employment index re-mained below 50 for the second month running. Purchasing man-agers said the number of firms announcing redundancies again

There was also a sharp fall in riew orders, which fell back from 53.0 to 50.2 in February.

38.3 from 39.4, its lowest since

High UK costs deepen Escom's losses Escom, the German computermaker that took over Rumbelows last year, warned yesterday that its losses for 1995 would be sharply higher than forecast last

week, writes Russell Hotten. The company had forecast it would sink about DM45 (£20m) into the red, by has now said that the real figure would be more like DM125m (£55.5m) ed a move after the Fed's next because of slow year-end sales and high UK costs.

Escom, the second biggest retailer of computers in Germany behind Kaulhof AG's Vobis. said the massive loss meant it had to raise DM40m from hanks and another DM60m through a share offering.

The sales turnaround in Germany and the world-wide drop in computer prices have continued through mid-Febru-' Escom said.

Shares in Escom, suspended

Escom, considered the tithlargest computer seller in Europe, is the latest personal ter, including Christmas.

computer manufacturer to report weaker profits or a loss for 1995 due to weak sales in the normally buoyant fourth quar-Some analysts said the Eu-

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Despite the undoubted benefits from direct

investment, it still leaves many people feeling uneasy. Early worries about Britain becoming the home of

screwdriver plants have not been wholly dispelled'

tornics company OPL. Proof positive, min-isters proclaim, that their electioneering slogan of Britain as the enterprise centre of Europe adds up to jobs on the ground. Cynics will point rather to the level of public funds going into the plant via the Welsh

pansion in silicon chip production, creating 770 jobs - courtesy of the Hong Kong elec-

Development Agency. More generally, the question raised by this and other projects is whether it is really such a compliment to receive so much inward investment. The scale of the flow into the UK is certainly substantial. In the first three quarters of 1995, no less than £11hn of direct investment took place - more than 2 per cent of

GDP. More important, the inflow was equiv-

alent to almost 15 per cent of lotal invest-

ment in the economy – this at a time when growth in capital spending has been extremely disappointing.

Much of the inflow has in practice gone on the purchase of financial assets through mergers and takeovers, rather than new investment on the ground. But clearly foreign firms are now playing a highly significant role in renewing the country's capital stock. Nowhere is this more so than in manu-

facturing, for so long the achilles' heel of the British economy. Foreign firms now account for almost a third of total industrial investment. They equip each of their workers with double the amount of plant and equipment

The rush of inward investment continues | provided by UK-owned firms. It comes as no | So we get industrial regeneration of a | border nature of its hid gives Brussels juris | sels might in this case be persuaded to hend apace. The latest project is a £230m ex-surprise, then, that foreign-owned firms | kind. But it comes on the terms of the multi- diction. Clearly it would be ridiculous for the rules.

Competition law may be an arcane. 1 apace. The latest project is a £230m exproduce 40 per ceot more per worker than their UK counterparts.

However, despite the undoubted benefits from direct investment, it still leaves many people feeling uneasy. Early worries about Britain becoming the home of screwdriver plants have not been wholly dispelled. It is true that foreign investors conduct a fair amount of research in Britain. Their share of manufacturing research and develop-ment was 19 per cent in 1989, hardly less than their 21 per cent share of turnover. However, this is less encouraging than it seems, because the hig multinationals who predominate in foreign investment spend disproportion-ately on R&D. Certainly the evidence of "Silicon Glen" - the concentration of electronics manufacturing in Scotland - is that the local economy remains strongest in assem-bly work rather than higher value areas.

Furthermore, while manufacturing has been assisted by foreign investment, the long slide in its share of GDP has not been reversed. Ten years ago, it accounted for just over a quarter of national output; now it accounts for little over a fifth. No doubt the position would have been considerably worse without the big investments made by foreign companies. Yet the inward flow testifies as much to the underlying weakness of manufacturing, with asked that the rival hid by Gehe should be foreign investors resettling huge swathes of brought back to Britain from Brussels for conindustry – like colour television production – sideration by the MMC alongside UniChem. abandoned by second-rate home producers.

nationals who have selected Britain as a UniChem to be referred to the MMC and hase. There is a price to be paid and this is a not Gene, for as lar as the UK is concerned. not just even or covert forms of industrial support. More importantly, the freedom of policymakers to lax business is restricted. The interest of foreign investors in strate-

We pay a heavy price for inward investment

gic questions such as Britain's place in Europe also has to be considered. Multinationals have invested in the UK as a springboard for a European market and they don't want to see that threatened. For all the Tory Euro-sceptic rhetoric, the effect is to constrain ministerial freedom of manocurre, This may be no bad thing. In the end, however, the price we pay for inward investment is loss of control.

European minefield for Lloyds Chemists bids

For those interested in the arcane world of EU competition policy, the Lloyds Chemists takeover saga is proving quite a treasure. As this column warned it might be. the UniChem bid for Lloyds, one of Britain's biggest pharmacy chains, was yesterday referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. At the same time the OFT asked that the rival hid by Gehe should be Gehe is a German company. The crossthe two companies are mirror images of each other. Their bids ruise exactly the same competition issues. However, claiming Gehe back from Brus-

sels is more than just a formality. What has to happen is that a particular domestic competition problem - say undue concentration of market power in Yorkshire - has to be demonstrated. The MMC then has to confine its deliberations to that specific concern. What the Office of Fair Trading is doing with UniChem and wants to do with Gehe is have a wide-ranging inquiry dealing with issues of "vertical integration" and anything else that takes the MMC's fancy, ft hasn't actually raised a "specific" concern. The application

European Commission would like to say to say ves to the British competition authorities, but technically it may be barred from doing so. Don't forget the politics of this. however. Brussels is at present trying to extend its remit for examining cross-border mergers by reducing the qualifying size. In this it is facing fierce resistance from both Britain and Germany. But if the EC agreed to hand back more cases to domestic competition authorities. Britain might just be another good reason, therefore, why Brus- 1 tor a go?

Competition law may be an arcane world, but most people are capable of understanding the concept of one law for UniChem, a British company, and an altogether different and less onerous one for Gehe, a German company. It is plainly

Labour attack on rail link is nonsense

It is not often, these days, that it is possi-This to write in support of a government initiative, but the ground on which Labour has chosen to attack the high speed rail link is so much nonsense. Certainly the delays and shifting of position which have charform is as a consequence incorrectly filled in.

A field day for Gehe's lawyers, theo. The to portray the whole thing as a gigantic giveaway to the private sector, as Clare Short. Labour's transport spokeswoman, does, is tosh. Nobody would have even considered building this link without a very consider-able direct Government grant. While some important assets - quite a lot of land, the Waterloo international terminal, St Paneras Station and a one-third interest in Eurostar have been thrown in for good measure. they only have a value if it is possible to make money out of them. So far the state persuaded to drop its opposition. Here's has failed, so why not give the private sec-

bombing

Lord Young to settle for £2.4m

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

Lord Young of Grafham is poised to accept a £2.4m compensation package following his ousting in November as chairman of Cable & Wireless after a boardroom row with James Ross, who was also forced to leave the company. The expected agreement comes after months of bitter negotiatioo between the company and its former head, who is thought to have been de-

manding about £4m. The deal for Lord Young includes the right to exercise share options which at yesterdays price would make him a profit of almost £2m. He is also likely to receive a further £400,000 in salary, bonuses and other henefits.

In structure the package is to have proved more delicate seas. as he had no formal service contract with the company.

two men hecame acrimonious and public, damaging the im-

age of the group.

At the time, analysts said vulnerability of C&W, which for months had been at the centre of takeover speculation. One commentator said that the reward seemed rather high for failing to get on with colleagues,

Shares in C&W closed at £4.52 yesterday, an increase on the opening price of 7.5p.

A spokesman for the group declined to comment on any deal with the former chairman. "Our position is that we have made an offer an are awaiting a response." However, it is thought that

talks are drawing to a sucsimilar to that agreed with Mr. cessful close and that Lord Ross, who agreed a £1.3m. Young may use the money to deal last week. The discussions establish a company advising with Lord Young are thought husiness on investment overcessful close and that Lord

The dehacle has left C&W without a chief executive.

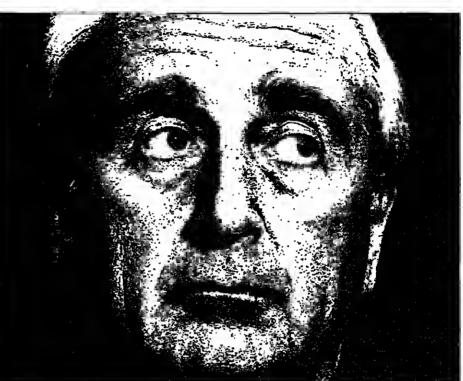
have raised eyehrows to the executive of its Mercury Com-City as the row between the munications subsidiary was in the running but is thought ool

to be on the shortlist. Rod Olsen, the finance director who has been appointed that the situation increased the acting chief executive, also ruled himself out.

The view is that the group is poised to appoint an foreigner to the post, possibly from a large US cable or telecommunications company. C&W re-cently took the step of changing its articles to allow a non-Briton to take the job.

Some City analysts still believe that the group is ripe for break-up. There has been speculation that BT may attenspt a deal with AT&T of the US to acquire C&W and divide the spoils. BT would not be allowed to

have Mercury but would be in-terested in the substantial as-sets in the Far East and the Pacific region. AT&T, which is attempting to break into the UK telecommunications market, could use Mercury to leapfrog into a pole position.



Delicate discussions: Lord Young had no formal service contract with Cable & Wireless

Fidelity selling BET

Fidelity, the global investment house, has been a heavy seller of shares in BET, the industrial services group facing a hostile £1.4bn bid from Rentokil.

The firm, the second largest shareholder in BET before the bid was announced last month, has reduced its stake from 5.17 per cent to about 3.3 per cent.

Mercury Asset Manage-ment, which held 1.7 per cent at the start of the bid battle, is also thought to have been a

steady seller. Share traders have said arbitrageurs piled into BET in the hope that Rentokil will in-

crease its offer. One analyst said that the move by the two lovestment tirms suggested some doubts that Rentokil would increase its offer significantly.

There seems to be a lot of hedging of bets here. BET had been a dog and it makes sense to eash in a few shares." the analyst said.
The offer is nine new Ren-

tokil shares and £8 cash for every 20 BET shares, valuing BET at 190p a share at the start of the bid.

Meanwhile, BET is not expected to publish its offer docthere has been heavy demand ument until the middle from the United States as week at the earliest. ument until the middle of next

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THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Edited by Magnus Grimond

Homeworks pays off for MFI as sales creep up

On the face of it, yesterday's trading update from MFI signalled that at least one of the pressures affecting the furniture retailer was easing. Continuing sluggish re-tail demand in the UK has kept the lid on sales growth in 1995; an increase of 1.3 per cent reported at the half-way stage was not maintained into the third quarter.

The group says that sales were up 2 per cent between mid-November and the end of February, which includes the key post-Christmas selling period. With trading "poor" in the run-up to the festive season, that implies growth of nearer 4 to 5 per cent in the new year period. The news was welcomed by the stock market yesterday, which marked MFI's shares op higher to 158p.

But that may be premature jubilation. Depressed sales have been only part of the group's problem. Margins have been under pressure for some time from tising raw material prices. Hopes in December that reductions evident theo would ease the situation now look overdone.

MFI indicated yesterday that although gross margins have recovered some of the ground lost in the first half, they will still be down on the year. It appears that lower

Five year record

third year in a row in which returns on sales have fallen.

Admittedly, there was better news from elsewhere yesterday. The initial roll-out of the new MFI Homeworks format, which extends beyond the traditional ranges to include beds, pots and pans and the like, has clearly been a success. Sales outperformed the rest of the chain by 12 per cent, triggering the next phase of the conversion programme which should see another 35 to 40 of the existing 185 chains

changed to Homeworks. France, meanwhile, has shrugged aside the strikes to record a 50 per cent increase in orders since Christmas. But the husiness is small and, given the record and the cloudy outlook in the UK, MFI shares re-main overvalued on a forward rating of 20.

Henlys speeds ahead of rivals

Henlys shareholders who supported mancosts are taking longer to feed through the huying chain than expected and the the rival motor dealer Cowie more than

benefits will not be felt until next year. three years ago have been amply reward-MFI: at a glance Market value £92 km, share price 158p 1992 1993 1994 1995

Margins could end the year a full point lower than last year, making 1995/96 the third year in a row in which returns on sales market by over 450 per cent and put

Cowie's own performance in the shade. Yesterday, the shares added 16p to 589p as the motor distributor and hus builder unveiled another cracking set of results. Pre-tax profits climbed 57 per cent to a new record of £25.3m in the 12 months to December.

The figures were boosted by some sure-footed acquisitions. The £31m halfshare in Prevost Car, a Canadian hus maker bought by Henlys with Volvo. chipped in £4.5m to operating profits in just seven mooths.

Northern Counties, acquired at the same time, added £1.3m for an outlay of

But, more importantly, the latest results have borne out management's determi-nation to build its position in the hus and coach market, despite what has turned out to be one of the worst recessions ever to hit the industry. Stripping out acquisitions, underlying

profits from buses and coaches roared ahead 69 per cent to £14.4m.

After seven lean years, Henlys has cashed in on last year's recovery, which saw coach sales leap 45 per cent and bus demand rise 23 per cent. But management deserves much of the credit: foreseeing the eventual end of the drought in orders caused by deregulation and recession, they have been patiently building market

From a standing start in 1991, Henlys has grabbed a market-leading position in buses in just three years. The impeccablytimed Northern acquisition, which took the group into double-deckers in a year when registrations doubled, added 10 points to its market share, taking it to 39 per cent.

Henlys now leads the combined UK bus and coach market and with bus fleets typically 13 to 15 years old, the outlook is bright, reflected in a £70m year-end order book.

The outlook for motors is less certain, but Henlys' distribution side did well to maintain underlying profits in another difficult year for the market and a costcutting programme should underpin

future margins.

Profits of £33m this year would put the shares on a forward multiple of 15. Still reasonable value.



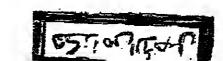
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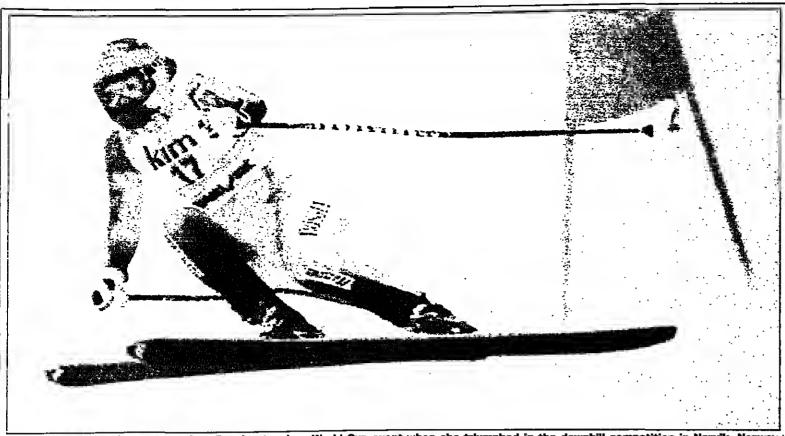
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In the next issue of investors Chronicle we examine in

detail all the essential elements of financial planning to

ensure you are well provided for, both oow and in the



Varvara Zelenskaya became the first Russian to win a World Cup event when she trlumphed in the downhill competition in Narvik, Norway, yesterday. The American, Picabo Street, finished in second place but it was enough to give her e second downhill title Photograph: Reuter

Benn back on familiar territory

Boxing

Athletics

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

A large field of runners will step

out into a large field in Northumberland Tomortow in

pursuit of a trip to South Africa.

Sadly, but sensibly, Paula Rad-

cliffe will not be among them. The British Athletic Federa-

tion Cross-Country Champion-

ships at Stakeford, which form

the trial for the World Cham-

pionships in Cape Town on 23

March, will lack the Briton

who has the best chance of an

individual world medal, fol-

lowing her minor injury last

Having bruised and cut her

knee on wooden steps during a

race in Diekerk, Luxemhourg.

the 22-year-old Loughborough

student informed the BAF that

she did not want to risk running

in a trial where the going is like-

ly to be firm. Assuming the in-

weekend.

money unification fight against Ireland's Steve Collins in late May or June.

Then, maybe, a match with the International Boxing Federation champion, Roy Jones, if the politics of the American cable networks can be overcome. Or perhaps a third fight with Chris Eubank if his arch-rival de-

So the message is clear. Benn cannot afford to let the man from Ladysmith. Natal, run him so close this time. 'At the end of the day everybody's entitled to one right," said the 32-year-old Benn.

"I think 1996 will go for me

about Malinga apart from the feel there are four or five good attempt to win a world title, hav-

labouring to beat Leicester's Trevor Ambrose on the Benn-Vincenzo Nardiello undercard at the London Arena last July.

in the past year, and only two contests in 18 months makes it puzzling why he claimed the WBC's mandatory challenger's spot. But Malinga has, at least, had five successive wins since being outclassed and knocked out in six rounds by Jones in August 1993

It is quite possible that by to-

morrow evening all the six

clubs expecting to be relegat-ed from the National League

First Division will know their

fate. Although Indian Gym-

khana and Trojans can math-

odds are that Bournville. St Ai

have decided their destiny.

hans. Hull and Stourport will

Tomorrow Indian Gym-

khana entertain Barford

Tigers, who are just two places

above them hut with an eight-

point lead, while Trojans, a

point adrift of Gymkhana, take

the long trip to Hull who,

should they lose this after-

noon's rearranged game

against the defending champ-ions, Teddington, will be rele-

ing lost previously to Germany's Graciano Rocchigiani (IBF), the American Lindell Holmes (IBF) and Enbank (World Boxing Organisation) in the fight before he lost to Benn.

Joe Bugner's WBO Intercontinental heavyweight title challenge against Brighton's Scott Welch will now go ahead in Berlin on 16 March. After two failed attempts to get Bugo-er licensed by the British Board of Control, the promoter Frank Warren has managed to get the fight switched to Germany. It will appear on the same show as Ralf Rocchigiani's next WBO

gated along with the bottom

The situation at the top is

providing plenty of excitement. The current leaders, South-

gate, may find the going tough

away to a young Canterbury side

expected to win at home to Ted-

dington, who are still without

the injured Great Britain cap-

tain, Jason Lasiett, Guildford,

in third position, should have

few problems away to Stourport,

so the musical chairs at the top

The sport mourned the

death yesterday from cancer of

Yvonne Horner, a much re-

spected former international

umpire and coach. Her enthu-

siasm and commitment to the

game will be greatly missed, par-

ticularly in her native Yorkshire

could continue.

Second-placed Cannock are

and could drop points.

club, Stourport.

7.00 BLACKSMITH LIMITED STAKES (CLASS)
F) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 100yds

nerrand: 6-4 Yeoman Officer, 2-1 Six Of Bother, 11-4 Lady Dignity, 6-1 Gram Gent, 14-1 Enery Boy

FOING: Stondard. DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers are best in sprints.

Left-band, sharp undelsting course.

Course is SS of town on ESUES, Lingüeld rathway station (served by London Victoria) adjoint course. ADMISSION: Members & 13, Testerstalls SS; Silver Ring SS. CAR PARK: Chib SS; rest fre.

WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Our Shaden (4.16) was been on Tuesday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Stand Tufi (4.15) travels 270 miles from C Thornton's Middleham stable in North-Torissine, Mister As-pecto (4.45) comes 270 miles from M Johnston's Middleham yani in March Yorkston.

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3.10 CLASSIC PROMOTIONS RAPPORTEUR STAKES (CLASS C) £7,800 added 1 m 2f

7.00 Lady Dignity 7.30 Miss Offset 8.00 Our

Tom 8.30 Dancing Cavaller 9.00 Hannah's Ush-er 9.30 Young Frederick

GOING: Standard.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: high numbers best from 5f to 1m 4L.

Elimental, left-hand, oval course.

Raccourse is north of town on A449 Stafford result. But see

for entrance to Viewing Restaurant; aridiaters allowers, more CAR FARE: free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Bit Of Bothe? (7.00) was at Southwell on Treedry; Mini Office: (7.30) was at Southwell on Treedry; Minis Office: (7.30) was at Southwell on Treedry; Zakid (8.00) won at Lingfieldon Wednosday; Teoman Officer (7.00) won here on Wednesday; Montacristo (8.30) was at Lingfield on Friday.

LONG-DESTANCE HUNGRES: Melamand, (8.00) reacels 163 miles.

from A G Newcombe's Yamscombe stable in Devon.

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3.45 JULIA GARNER HANDICAP (CLASS C)

BESTUNG: 5-2 Queen Of All Birds, 3-1 Deacing Lawyer, 5-1 Secret Spring, 6-1 Hordines, Secret Aly, 8-1 Sweet Supposin

4.15 GEMINI HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 600-029 SPENDER (18) (20) (8F) P Haves 7 (10 0).

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Victory by half a point over Thulane "Sugar Boy" Malinga in their first meeting in Birmingham nearly four years ago was the prelude to a memorable and lucrative 41-month phase in Nigel Benn's career.

Benn beat lialy's Mauro Galvano in his next fight in Rome to land the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title and now, second time around against the 36-year-old South African in the 10th defence of close decision at the office, but his title at the Newcastle Are- then I went out and put it all na tonight. Benn knows exacttv what is on his agenda - a big

cides to make a ring return.

"I don't recall too much

Radcliffe misses out on trials

she will take one of the two

women's discretionary places

"It is not particularly wel-come news," said Matt Frazer,

secretary of the BAF cross-

country commission. "But we

understand what she is saying.

She has more than proved her

Unlike last year, when the

World Championships were held

in Durham, this year's location

offers the opportunity of time-

h warm-weather training, with

the option of altitude training.

This lure is one of the reasons

why the depth of talent this time

Elliott, Alison Wyeth, Suzanne

Rigg, Liz Talbot, Angie Hulley, Vikkie McPherson and Sonia

McGeorge will be among those

seeking the first four automat-

Commonwealth 10,000m champ-

ic selection places.

jury is not worse than expected. ion, Rob Denmark, Adrian

In Radeliffe's absence, Lucy

round is significantly greater.

fitness in recent races."

available for Cape Town.

fact that he's a strong boy, but I don't want to take anything away from him. He definitely wanted to win that night. "We had a close fight and it

could have gone either way, but I got it and I'm very thankful for that. I didn't have chance to train long enough for that one, but now I'm world champion I train hard for six to eight weeks properly. You'll see a new Nigel Benn, that's for sure.

exactly as 1995. I'm not ready to relinquish my title - the belt is staying in England until the day I retire. I still feel new, I feel I can go as long as I want. I still

Passey, Martin Jones, Jon Nut-

tall. Jon Brown, last year's Eu-

ropean cross-country hronze

medallist, Andrew Pearson,

who is third in the World Cross

Challenge ratings, and the man two places behind him, Chris

Keith Cullen and Gary

Staines have both sustained re-

cent injuries - Culien hurting a

hamstring in the Luxembourg

race. Staines turning his ankle

two weeks ago. They are likely

whether to hope for one of the

two discretionary men's places

rather than seek one of the au-

tomatic places for the first sev-

Sweeney offered a personal

analysis of the situation this

week: "There are probably go-

ing to be four or five clear

favourites for the side, and an-

other two to four places up for

struggling for them. I intend to

en home.

Inc men's race includes the grabs, with probably 20 guys

fights left in me. I don't like losing, and the thought of losing drives me on." Malinga has not fought since

That was Malinga's only fight

his only stoppage in 49 fights.
 This will be Malinga's fourth cruiserweight title defence.

Hockey

to make late decisions on ematically avoid the drop, the

BILL COLWILL

Day of destiny for

7.30 BAKER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000

lock Quest 7st 50, East Burns 7st 40. BETERG: 5-1 Jahredd, 6-1 Our Toen, 8-1 Hand Of Street, Reness, Misleward, Zahid, 10-1 Maradeta, 12-1 others

8.30 ELITE RACING CLUB HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 4f | DJ-25,100 added 3Y0 lm 4Y | 111441 CHING CHINE BI (C) PHENIST 9 7 | J Fortune 3 2 00-421 EMONTECHERO (2) 69 Pt Ruest 9 7 | J R McCabe (2) 6 3 0300-12 MINTECHERO (2) 69 Pt Ruest 9 7 | J R McCabe (2) 6 0300-12 MINTECHERO (2) 69 Pt Holmand 8 13 | Figural (7) 1 5 0-23 MINTECHERO (2) 69 Pt Holmand (2) 1 | Figural (2) 1 | Figural (2) 1 | Figural (3) 1 | Figural (3) 1 | Figural (4) MINTECHERO (2) 2 | Figural (4) MINTECHERO (2) 2 | Figural (4) MINTECHERO (3) 1 | Figural (4) MINTECHERO (4) 1 | Figural (4) MINTECHERO (4) 1 | Figural (4) MINTECHERO (4) (4) M

9.00 SKY ROOFING SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 5f

9.30 PLYVINE CATERING MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,500 added 27

Lanfranco Dettori is in Dubai to ride the dual Group One winner Halling in a five-runner conditions event over a mile and a quarter at Nad Al Sheba tomorrow. The Godolphin runner, a course winner last year; will be out to prove his credentials prize, the Dubai World Cup, which will be run a the same course on 27 March. It was in Dubai last year that Halling began a successful campaign which culminated with victories in the Eclipse Stakes and the Juddmoute International. He last ran in October when disappointing in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Jason Weaver, third in the Young Jockeys World Championship last year; makes a return trip to Japan in an effort to improve on that position in this year's renewal of the contest at Nakayama this weekend. The competition, which will be split over two days. will be decided on a points basis.

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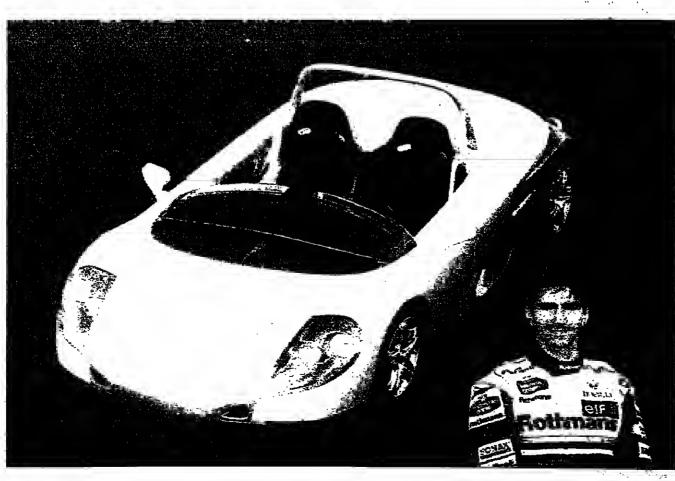
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Dunwoody waits for Fortune And Fame

GREG WOOD

The fragile physique of Fortune And Fame will decide the destination of the best spare ride of the season, on Alderbrook in the Lapion Hurdie at Cheltenham on Tuesday week.

Richard Duowoody, who partnered the reigning champion at Kemptoo seven days ago, has been offered the booking following yesterday's injury to the luckless Norman Williamson, but is already committed to Fortune And Fame - if Dermot Weld's hurdler makes It is one of the many impon-

detables surrounding this year's though, is Graham Bradley, showpiece meeting and several more were added yesterday afternoon when Adrian Mag-uire's broken collar-booe forced him too on to the sidelines. Fortune And Fame's participation will be determined after he has galloped on Suoday, and if he goes to Cheltenham, Dunwoody's decision will be made for him.

"I have offered Richard the ride on Alderbrook, and I hope that Jamie Osborne can ride Master Oats in the Gold Cup," Kim Bailey, the pair's trainer, said yesterday, "but I won't know anything for certain until oext week. One jockey who will not be sitting by the phone,

who lost the ride on Alderbrook at Kempton when he overslept and failed to turn up far a schooling session on the horse. In Maguire's absence. Char-

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Purevalue NB: Too Plush (Newbury 1.30)

lie Swan is expected to ride Viking Flagship as the horse seeks a third successive victory m the Champion Chase. "I feel very sorry for Adrian, I hope it 8 oot as bad as they think," David Nicholson, Viking Flagship's

· NEWBURY

1.00: The booking of Richard Dun-

woody to replace Adrian Maguire on NORTHANTS will not be a dis-

on NORTHANTS will not be a dis-advantage and he will find this trip more suitable than the 2m 4f over which he last ran. Tipp Mariner ran well for a long way on his seasonal debut but was tiring when he un-seated his rider and needs to com-plete the course before commanding

support. Givus A Buck is well hand-

capped but needs better ground.

1.30: TUDOR FABLE was very dis-

appointing on heavy ground last time but won impressively on his previ-

ous outing and is worthy of a chance

mains well handicapped but has

Charlie Swan. We will bave around 25 runners at the Festival and will use the hest lockeys available. Richard Johnsoo Nicholson's conditional jockey] has a great chance to make a name for himself." Tony McCoy, the season's leading rider, is an-other who could benefit.

The bookings on Alderbrook and Master Oats became available when Williamson dislocated his right shoulder for the second time in three weeks on the gallops yesterday morning. "I went to give a horse a slap behind the saddle and it went." Williamson said. "I put it back in myself, I felt like Mel Gibson.

HYPERION'S

nient marks. With Ciel De Brion's

jockey lacking British experience, Medinas Swan Song looks the dan-

2.00: CELIBATE defied odds of

66-1 when fourth in the Tote Gold

Trophy over this track and trip last time and can hold Twice A Night.

ger but would prefer two miles.

trainer, said. "My assistant has I could have kept my mouth shut already been on the phone to and carried on, but it would have been a waste of time and if it had come out in a race it would have been a danger to others."

Williamson will now need an operation to correct the problem. "It will probably he three months before I can ride again. but it can take longer," he said. "I will probably do some press and television work at Cheltenham, and I would rather be there than lying on a beach somewhere wondering what had won.'

With the Festival now imminent, this afternoon's racing is predictably uninspiring. although the Great Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster, resched-

DONCASTER

3.00: CAB ON TARGET, who hat-

when beating the useful Avro An-

Loch Scavaig is out of form and the

3.35: VALIANT WARRIOR, who

beat Golden Fiddle seven lengths on good to soft ground at Newcastle last

time, is worth chancing on this slightly faster surface. Go Universal, who beat Bas De Laine six lengths on fast ground here in December.

their true handicap weights.

looks the danger.

thers have 10 carry much more than

uled after its original date fell victim to the weather, is a mtable exception. The move to the spring may well become permanent, something which punters would surely welcome.

Dextra Dove, whose long winning streak was very narrowly ended by Sunley Bay at Newbury last month, is the favourite, but at around 11-4 there are good reasons to oppose him. His last race was a hard one, he is possibly better with more cut in the ground and the handicapper may now have his measure. Take a chance instead with SIR PETER LELY (nap 4.05), who thrives on fast ground and comes from a yard that is running into form.

4.05: DEXTRA DOVE, who ran Sunley Bay to a short-head over this ed the heavy ground when pulled up behind Conquering Leader at New-hury in November, showed enough trip on good to soft ground at New-bury last time, goes oo a fast surface. Gold Cap, whose jockey's saddle slipped at Newcastle last time, is well dicamed on his best form and, son by five lengths at Wetherby in October to suggest he can win this. at 40-1 with Ladbrokes, looks an interesting each-way outsider.

> أحدد 4.40: STAR RAGE, a creditable three and a quarter lengths third to Cheryl's Lad and New Inn when returning from a lay-off here last Sat-urday, might prefer further hut should still go close. Noyan, seven lengths second to Frickley at Wetherby in January, and Once More For Luck, who beat Sudden Spin a length at Sedgelield, are dangers

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HYPERION 4.05 Dextra Dove 1.55 Hotspur Street 4.40 STAR RAGE (nap) 2.25 Califsoe Bay 3.00 Cab On Target 3.35 Vallant Warrior (nb)

GOING: Good to Firm | Good in places t. Lest-hand, pear-shaped course

Course is East of the town off the A128 (M18.4rts 4.8-4). Bus his from Donesister

Central railway station (served by London, King's Press). ADMISSION: Plab S i 1; Grand-stand SN: Pamily Enclosure S1 (under 16s free all enclosures). CAR PARE: Free

III LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: Mrs M Reveley - 14 winners from T unners goes a success ratio of 22 years and a few success of a 15 winners from 1 monets goes a success ratio of 22 years and a loss of a 15 west stake of a 18 86.0 Nichol ton — 9 winners, 11 runners, 22 26, 28, 28 FitzsGerald — 9 winners, 62 runners (1,0%, -256.89) M Pipe — 7 winners, 17 runners, 11,2%, +4,26,35.

11.0%, -\$20 80, M Pipe — 7 winners, 17 runners, 11.2%, -\$20.37.

III LEADING JOCKETS: P Nivem — 10 winners, 50 rides, 28 6%, +\$267; L Wyer —
11 winners, 52 rides, 21.2%, -\$15.47, G McCourt — 7 winners, 35 rides, 20%, -\$7.90.

M Dwyer — 7 winners, 52 rides, 19.7%, -\$21.72.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RINNERS: Somie Mo (5.35) has been seit 244 miles by Mr. S Bradburne from Ludyhank, Frie; Destita Dove (4.06) sent 221 miles by S Earle from Scurmister Newton, Dorset: Emerald Storm (4.05) sent 213 miles by P Monteath from Rosewoll, Ludway, Gold Cap (4.95) sent 204 miles by Miss J Bower from Beauworth, Hants.

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	[]		PARDUBICE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f £2,810
ŀ	1	310	BLAZE AWAY (USA) (B) (D) Paul Meann) Sating 5 11 10
ı	2	261-200	FURRETTO (45) (Sharebrook Park Management Ltd) M Hammong 6 11 10 P Niven
Į	2 3 4	00	GREAT GABLE (46) (Cartriel Reging) D Machint 5 11
ı	4	066-300	PERBLE BEACH (1A) (The Petrose Beach Partnership) G M Moore 6 11 4 _ J Callagran
ľ	5	001-698	WILMAN (42) York Warren; Lif Hammon; 6 11
ı	6		CAMBILA (New) Constant Nats J Corniay 5 10 13
ı	678	632054	STRATH KITTEN (295) Mis Care Stare) T Olement 5 10 13 O'Hara
1	8	0	HOTSPUR STREET (14) (Starley by Claste: M W Easterry 4 10 9
ł			- B declared -

ETTING: 11-10 Blaze Avey, 2-1 Hotspur Street, 7-2 Ferietto, 20-1 Wilman, Great Gable, Pet

	995: Go Ballistic 6 11 10 M A Frzgerald 2-1 // O'Sheai 13 ran				
2	2.25	VELKA PARDUBICKA NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m 110yds £3,823			
	50-F132	CALLISOE BAY (53) (D) (BF) /R (Vaces) () Shewood 7 11 B			
	P-801AU	NETHERBY SAID (7) IMrs S Sumer) B Willurson 6 11 8			
	2P33-43	CHEBIA (7) David J Thompsoni C Smith 7 11 2			
	216-FZ2	KNOW NO-NO (14) (Mrs A Kane; W Hammone i 11 3 R Gambby			
		PORTAGENIO (155) (R Turnet 1 Turnet 5 10 3			

[3.00	YELLER PUBLICATIONS HANDICAP HURDLE C4 (CLASS B) £7,000 3m 110yds £5,114
1		CAR ON TARGET (98) (CD) (Mrs J G Fulton) fifts M Reveilty 10 12 0 P Niven
2		LOCH SCAVAG (80) (Mrs. G & Turrbull) D Modat 7 10 0
3		IVY HOUSE (14) IDI RAIS L. R. Joughini J.J. O'Neil 6 10 0
4	336-252	ZAMHAREER (USA) (49) (D C Bate): W Storey 5 10 0
5	40-4113	SMETH TOO (43) (D) (Smith Mansfield Mest Co Ltd) Mrs J Pernan 5 10 0 L Wyer
		- 5 declared -

— 3 personnes - Marchan weight: 10st. True handroop weights: Loch Scaraig Sst 12th, by House Sst 11b, Zembareer 8s 12th, Smith Too 8st 11b. BETTING: 4-5 Cab On Target, 4-1 Zambareer, 5-1 Smith Too, 6-1 by House, 10-1 Loch Scarolg 1995: Cab On Target 9 12 0 P Neen 7-2 M/ns M Reveloyi 9 ran FORM GUIDE

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CAB ON TARGET showed in the race last year that he can carry a big weight, when the ground is fast and, as with 12 months ago, he is returning from a smitar layoff. Too good for Airio Anson and Great Marquests at Wetherby on his reappearance, he then faced two stiff tasks down south in November, Loch Schradig was outpassed in this race last year and has 23 lengths to find on the same terms, He has been house chasing with lay House, Joho Otkell's charge looking right up against in on ground that is bound to prove too fast for him and is 138 out of the handicap as See Enough at Kempton last Saturday but still foce a task being over a stone "shy". Claimer noden and getting 55 when beaten by The Last Finig at Newcaste best time, Zamhareer will get stronger handing from Paul Carberry today. This race last year was Royal Athlete's worm up outing before his National win and Jenny Plintan now hans Smith Too, a tough nont-number who will love the ground after Chetrerham and Haydock wins but a fader last time on the slower surface in the Kempson race won by Great Easeby.

3	3.35	MITSURISHI SHOGUN TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE C (CLASS C) £10,000 2m 3f 110yds £7,100	4
1	6/211-F3	KONVEKTA KING (15) (C) (Korweld) Ltd) O Sherwood 8 12 0	hiddot
2	U11111	GO UNIVERSAL (85) (CO) (Universal Conference Ltd) C Brooks 8 12 0	radicy
3	11FF06	WIND FORCE (46) UN & Moreton; G Richards 11 12 0	Jobble
2	21 .251	VALIANT WARRIOR (14) (D) IP Select M Hammond 8 11 10	amily
5	5P-2430	SNETTON LANE (14) (Raymond Annerson Green) C Parker 10 11 9	Storey
Ď	43:320	STRONG DEEL (14) U Stephenson: W Resc \$ 11.3	ing [3]
T	12-:F33	NEWLANDS-GENERAL (42) (CD) (N' Hancock) J Fa:Geraki 10 10 13 M	Dwyer
8	155-300	ONE FOR THE POT (14) (Philip Craves) Kirs A Naugration 11 10 9., J Sup	ole (3)
ė	411444	RODEO STAR (USA) [15] (CD) LI C Bractury: N Tokier 10 10 8	Wyer
10	044-011	SONSKE MO (52) (Timoth, Harrier Virs 6 Bradoume 11 10 f	Niven

BETTING: 11-4 Valiant Warrior, 7-2 Go Universal, 11-2 Newlands-General, 6-1 Konvekto Kin sie Ma, B-1 Strong Deel, 10-1 Wind Force, 16-1 Hodeo Star, 25-1 One For The Pol. 1995: One More Dream 8 10 8 Richard Guest 20-1 (Mrs 5 Smith) 9 ran

FORM GUIDE Valiant Warrior has been let off lightly with just a 2th rise for his seven-length Newcaste with from Golden Flodie a forthight ego. Eastly Joker is a subsequent winner from the race and Mickly Hammond contines in great form with Bloidos another for thim at Nelso yesterday. But this ground will be faster and there is a significant jockey booking for STRONG DEEL, seventh at Newcastle and only 3th better off. Strong Deel was a useful nowce proof to his injury and his best and this term was with Brain Harding, who is reunited after that cracking second to Uniguided Missile at Wetherby with Valiant Warnor behind him. Newlands-General is profer to jumping errors but has win on the course and jumped a flear round at kempton last time. Chasing Go Universal here for his reappearance when clouting the fifth last, he now meets this mal 15th better. Go Universal is on the upgrade and loves the fast ground, He is also proven when fresh but the 12 still has to be defed. Komeysta King also has a big weight, but won here for David Nicholson last season and shoped well at Sandown last time behind Southampton. Rodeo Star runs this course well but he could not win the race bust year lither to One More Deam), whise Sousie Mo deserves a crack at this stronger race after his Sedgefield and Kelso wins and Peter Niver is a good booking for the fast-ground performer, Wind Force is another with the ground in his favour and well capable of resong these at his best.

Selection: STRONG DEEL

1.05	PERTEMPS GREAT YORKSHIRE H'CAP CHASE (CLASS B) £30,000 3m 2f £21,398
24-4P24	COGENT (S1) (D) (Pel-mel Partners) Glover 12 12 0
1-11112	DEXTRA DOVE (21) (BF) (Decia Lighting Systems) 5 Earle 9 11 8 B Ponch
	CARRISDALE (S1) (CD) (Mrs M Waterrs) Mrs M Reveley 10 10 13
24P-53P	SIR PETER LELY (92) Uohn Doyle Construction Llo. M Hammond 9 10 13 R Gentity
2-13152	TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE (56) (C) (D) Jun N'cGestri T Easterby S 10 10 L Wyer
54523P	GOLD CAP (FR) (14) (D) (Geoff Meadowsi Mss. J Bower 11 10 8 Harvey
3-11210	ADDINGTON BOY (49) (BF) (Gon Foods Limber) & Romants E 10 8
21/1P-56	MERKY MASTER (117) (D) (G Lansbury) A Hamson 12 10 6
14-1241	ENERALD STORM (52) (D) (T P Finct) P Marterth 9 10 4 6 Cable (5)
200-4P4	NEVADA GOLD (49) (Matsword Ltd.) F Yarday 10 10 3
21-4604	BOARDING SCHOOL (96) (Raymond Anderson Green) C Parker 9 10 0 B Storey
14-6203	PMS GUNNER (18) (A G Creopeli M Haramono è 10 0
	26.4924 1-11112 191050 249-539 2-13152 5-45959 2-11210 21-19-56 10-1241 200-494 24-4404

Assument weight: 10st. The handsop meights. Bounding School 9st 7th Parts Gunner 9st 50 BETINE: 11.4 Deaths Dove, 4-1 Addington Boy, 9-2 Toogood To Be True, 6-1 Cogent, 7-1 Sir Peter Lety, 8-1 Emerald Storm. 14-1 Carbisdale, 20-1 Pints Gomter, 25-1 Boarding School, Nevada Cold, Gold Cap., 33-1 Merry Master 1995: Weignight 11 10 11 A Magure 15-8 (D Notosom) 10 ran

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Another speedy Great Yorkshire Chase is on the cards with the ground noing fast, and DECITA DOVE would seem to have only the nowice Addington Boy to see off. Dearra Dove is in the best form of his life and, despite the scoping ground conditions at Newbury last month, he rain a confer when seeing off all accept Surley Bay, who is at his best in such ground. That first attempt for almost time months will have not an even fine edge on Deatra Dove, and Addington Boy will have to be smart to beat him even if he does receive a stone, Addington Boy will have to be smart to beat him even if he does receive a stone Addington Boy will have to be smart to beat him even if he does receive a stone had past better the advantage of acting were on last ground and the mp will suit him. His jumping went to pieces in the closing stages at Newcastle last time, but that was a strong race over a shorter timp and this is more his mark. Too-good To Be Trine has a fine chance at the weights on his good second to the progressive Smith's Band at Haydock, but he prefers more cut in the ground. Cogent has it to do under 1.2st, white Carbibdaile has shoen no spathle since missing all of last seasons. Sir Peter Lely has his ground but the sharp Musselburgh circuit is more his place, while stablemate Pims Guimer. Blo out of the nandicap, does not appeal as nawing the pace to collect. Emerald Storm faces a much sterrer lest after his helso was, but it would be no surpose to see Merry Master go well for Paul Carbony, especially as he was bilinkers for the first time since his Wetherty with from Glove Pupper two years ago.

Selection: DEATRA DOVE

4	4.40	LIGHT INFANTRY PLATE (HANDICAP HURDLE) C4 (CLASS C) £5,000 2m 110yds £3,704
1	21110P	THORNTON GATE (21) (CD) (TH Bergers, T Easterty T 11 10 L Wyer
2	735 300	NOYAN (51) (D) IC H McGree, O Norolls 6 11 7
3	5/0-3060	ALBER(DIE (USA) (42) (D) (George Yaxti) Mis J Ceol 7 10 13
4	65E4P0	NORDIC SUN (49) (D) U B Skitcher L Links-James 8 10 12 E Callaghan (5)
5	3-31123	STAR RAGE (7) (D) (I Davo Abelii) L Heris 6 10 11 D Gallagher
6	254-131	ONCE MORE FOR LUCK (17) (D) (Many Reveloy Recong. Mrs. M. Reveloy 5.10 7. J.P. Novem.
7	2521-00	HEIGH MIND (FR) (14) (D) (J E YMSON) Miss L Social 7 10 3
8		WANDHA (102) (0) IT R Prise; It Morgan 6 10 3

SETTING: 8-1 Star Rage, 7-2 Thornton Gate, 4-1 Once More For Luck, 9-2 Noyas, 7-1 Albertin 8-1 Wamdha, 14-1 High Mind, 20-1 Nordic Sun 1995: Brambleberry 6-10-11 R Guess 11-8 (127: 5 Smith) 12 ran

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ONCE MORE FOR LUCK tooks up to this task off a decent handicap mark. Fast ground allows that for its stated and a 4th rise for his latest Sedgefield with from the modest Sudden Spin is not that severe. Thornton Gate is chasing compensation after a simpled saddle in the Tota Gold Trophy at Newbury. A fast ground note who toyed with Star Rage (10th benefit hare in December, Thornton Gare overcame the soft to beal Stornoin at Hay-dock next time so rates a big danger to Once More For Luck. Last season's Ascot unmer High Ahnd has his ground for the first time this time, while hast-ground further fast, time this time. While hast-ground hurtangdon spic cabist Warndhu comes out superior to Star Rage (promising run last Saturday) on their respective efforts against Cheryt's Lac.

5.10 TOWN MOOR STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 added 2m 110yds £1,585

GREAT YORKSHIRE CHASE - 10 YEAR-TALE Stigitting prices: A A 16-1 10-3-7-2 9-1 A 922-13-2 A

A A 9 8 5 8 A 9 8 A

A A 9 8 5 8 A 10-3 11-4 A

A A 12-5 11-8 11-8 19-9 A 10-3 11-4 A resist or lines to £1 states: Feveration £6000. Second Pointables +£8.12 thage of winners placed 1st, 2nd or Srd is last vace: 57% best-priced winner: Proveity 106-30 (1985) Cop trainers: J Edwards - Bob Radell (1989), Proventy (1999) Many Revalley - Dallary Sourist (1991), Carbinatello (1994) Step: T Morgan - Boo Tadal (1988), Protestry (1989) P Niven - Bolkey Sound (1981), Carbitage (1984) Known as Wilhelm Hill Golden Spurs Hamilton, Chinic (1988 – 1992) Noy, 7F — york favourites Wilshood 7th and fall, 27 a Wilnest was joint and This year distance increased to 3m & dom 3m

NEWBURY

HYPERION 3.05 Golden Sploner 1.30 Tudor Fable 3.40 Purevalue 2.00 Celibate 4.10 Get Real 2.30 Keep It Zipped

GOING: Good to Soft COINC; GOOG to SON.

Left-hand course with stiff fences,
Course is SF of form near A34, Railway station (service from London, Paddington) adjours course. ADMISSION: Members \$13; Tattersalls \$3; Siver Ring \$3 (OAPs half price).
CAE PARK: Prec; Plenic area \$3 per car plus \$3 per person.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: O Nicholson — 26 winners from 113 runners gave a success ratio of 23.3% and a loss to a £1 level stake of £20.61; N Headerson — 23 winners, 106 muners, 21.3%, ~50.81; O Sherwood — 18 winners, 71 runners, 25.4%, ~52.14; M Pipe — 18 winners, 87 runners, 20.7%, +53.46.

**LEADING JOCKEYS: J Oshortae — 42 winners, 186 rides, 25.3%, ~57.21; R Danwoody — 18 winners, 149 rides, 25.5%, ~521.35; A Magnire — 20 winners, 127 rides, 15.7%, +55.5%; P Holley — 13 winners, 65 rides, 20%, +\$0.05.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-RISTANCE RUNNERS: Northants (1.00) has been sent 284 miles by W Storey from Mugglessteik, Co., Durbam: Busking Along (2.06) & Ahnal Solt, R (3.40) sent 237 miles by F Marphy from Middle-ham, N Torks; Pure Value (3.40) sent, 221 miles by M W Easterby from Sheriff Hutton, K Yorks; The Other Man (2.30) sent 204 miles by Miss L Sidahi from Colton. N Yorks; Desert Brave (2.30) sent 203 miles by Mrs S Smith from High Eldwick, W Yorks.

1.00 BERKSHERE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £7,000 BBC1 added 3m Penalty Value £5,020 15-525 NORTHANDS (1A) (D) & B Bernston) W Stony 10 11 10 R Durmondry P5-522 STAUNCH BUNKL (156) (80) (D) & B Hernston) W Stony 10 11 10 R Durmondry 2 F1-2122 STAUNCH BUNKL (156) (80) (D) & B Select 1 Government 9 11 10 MA FROGRAND 1 13 13 10 MA FROGRAND 1 13 14 10 MA FROGRAND 1 15 MA FROGRAND

NORTHANTS has an excellent change of delying top weight if he can avoid any senous errors over these stiff fences. A decent nonce less season — he beat Unguided Missilia at Hoydock — he hook a costump tall at Chepstov on his final outing but, after two runs over hordles this term, he rain a cracker when trying to give the progressive General Wolfe 7to at Carlisle in January, As ancient as some of the opposition may be they are at least showing some form and Plastic Spaceage would have been second to Class of Ninetytwo at Chapstow last time had he not unseated his noter at the duch four out.

Selection: NORTHANTS

1.30 NORTH SYDMONTON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS BBC)
C) £6,500 added 2m 4f Pen Value £4,497 C) £6,500 83060 2m 4T Pen Value £4,497

1 2121.2 MERNES HARVEST (14) Mass 8 W Paimen D Wilsons 8 11 12 ... R Duswoody
2 C1201 CSL DE SRION (Fig (12) Hera an Processis) F Doumen (7) 8 11 9 ... Mr 7 Donmon (7)
3 31.453 WELL BRIEFED (21) (CD) Foor Jones I R Sucker 8 11 9 ... Mr 7 Donmon (7)
4 PEOP-60 RICHWILE (21) (D) (Mayor Gen R L 7 Burges) N Bailey 10 11 8 ... Mr 8 Metholis
5 1263-25 MEDINES SWINN SONG (15) (C A G Pany) R Hordes 8 11 4 ... A Tony
6 02-1270 ASK THE SOMERONG (3A) (D BF) (An O Claesson-Boeroot) G Baiting 10 10 7 A. P MicDoy
7 332-31P TUDOR FABLE (29) (SF) (I the Tollies in Hendeson 8 10 7 ... M A Flugienthid
7 3-1570 TOD PLISH (8) (D) Mrs C C Wilsons A Flunct 7 10 5 ... L Harvey
8 3-1500 WYLAM (1A) (D) (SF) (Mrs) S Wootton I officed 9 10 0 ... P Hide
1 Marinum weight 1031 Lup handicap weight Waten Sex 20.
8ETHNG: 7-2 Wetl Briefed, 4-1 Medines Seem Song, 5-1 Gel De Brian, 11-2 Tudor Fable, 8-1 Ask
The Governor, 10-1 Too Plash, 12-1 Hennes Harvest, 14-1 Michville, 18-1 Wylam

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FORM who would have habe a good race or it with master sostent at remption in January is re-hacht fallen when challenging at the last, was disapporating behind Well Bratich nere three weeks ago. He must be held, especially after ending up on the floor again last time. French challenger Clei De Briton is a dark horse despite having won a weak novoes' hurde at Fortheel on his previous visit. Only six, he has already picked up two decent chases at Auteuit the season and looks useful.

200 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) E10,000 added 2m 110yds Pen Value £7,408

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One of KINGSFOLD PET's four wing last season was over the course and disconce in testing conditions and the seven-year-old, hunning shown steady improvement with each outing this term, may now be stamp enough to dely top weight. He looked the winner at Ascot last time until Sohreb came with 8 wet sail after the lest. They form has worked out well with third-placed Remancer going on to cross forms Squire Sali, in the Tote Gold Trophy here. Cettasta, four lengths-berlind kingstold Pet or Ascot, ran another good race to be fourth in the Tote Gold Trophy. He is not a well handicapped horse today, nowever, being 2to worse for the four lengths he was beaten at Ascot, while Squire York, whom he beat four and a half lengths into fourth at highdick in December, has a 12th pull. Squire York had been re-luctant to line up that day and planted himself at Doncsaer last time, so there is no guarantee of him being it the mood to take advantage of the weights, and a beger danger should be Plander Bay with blinkers on for the first time. Plunder Bay held Twice A Night by a head over 2m4f on fast ground at Leicester in December.

Selection: KINGSFOLD PET One of KINGSFOLD PET's four wins last season was over the course and distance in test-

12	30	BARRIE OWENS 50TH BIRTHDAY NATIONAL HUNT'N HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 2m 5f Penalty Value £3	OVICE
15		HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 2m 5f Penaity Value £3	4526
1	2-14201	NEEP IT 20PPED (14) (Mrs Luss Stewart-Brown) O Shewood 6 11 10	Carthy
2	DO-341	ARITHMETIC (39) (Robert & Extended) Hischard) Mrs. J Primers 6 11 7	Farrant
3		PURSECK CAVALIER (50) (B Curss) Mrs. J Reger 7 11 7	
4		BAYLINE STAR (Ism McCantry) Mess H Knight 6 11, 2	
5	5630/00	COUNTRY CONCORDE (15) (Bob Coles) C Jones 6 11 2	& Upton
6		DESERT BRAVE (52) (Michael Jackson Bloodstuck) Mis S Smith 6 11 2 Richard	
7	5	DREAM LEADER (88) CAME Roberts! M Roberts 6 11 2	
8	ŏ	(TS A GEM (38) (Capt F Typehitt-Draiz) / Gifford 7 11 2	
ğ		KALLUSTY CASTLE (15) (W.H. Ponsonby) N Henderson 6 11 2	
10		PEROCALER (91) (Mrs Anona Toylori P Hoobs 6 11, 2	
11		PHAR FROM FUNNY (28) DAIS E A Haycocki G Bilding 5 11 2A	
12		SWING QUARTET (56) (R L C Harden) N Twiston-Davies 6 11 2 C L	
13		THE OTHER MAN (14) Stonetness Racing Mass L Siddle 6 11 2	
14		THE REVEREND HERT (14) (M Kert-Dincen & M S Dulmon) G Balding 8 11 2 A F	
15	0-		
16		TUDOR TOWN (7) (P D Purpy K Bishop 8 11 2	
17		GEMINA'S WAGER (S1) (Mrs Berry Noakes) M Campion 6 10 11	
13		MENOTURE MELODY (47) (P Ratchens) P Ritchens 8 10 11	
19	OI O	PAVLOVA (12) (Mis Margaret McGlone) R Rowe 6 10 11 D 0	School
20	8		R Davis
2		- 30 decimal -	

3.40 LEVY BOARD NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,826 LOFOLP MARIA (5) (The Sale Sou Miss Jacqueline 5 Doyle 6 10 12 _____ 00-30G El FREDDE (58) Aus Alson Smith | Oti 6 (0 12 ________ 6 Uptor 0-6F6 GREENSIDE CHAT (21) (The Family Partnesship) S Dow 6 10 12 _______M A Fitzgerals 000 SWINGING SIXTIES (17) (K Higson) G L Moore 5 10 10....... 0-060 PURBECK RAMBLER (15) (Mrs. M Lane) G Baiding 5 10 9 35-F SIGHT N SOUND (17) ION So Harry Partnershot O Essorth 5 10 9... 30/3-20 CARFLESS FARMER (44) OM R G-bson) N Tustion-Dates 6 10 2

3.05 JACK O'NEWBURY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £3,168

2500-PG BUSKING ALONG (30) (Saraky Nacri) P Murphy 7 11 4 _______ D J Kasanaga (5)
2-45F2 DANCING PRIPERNEL (16) W Kor & A Johnson) P Retriers 10 11 4 ______ A Tory
3/2-010 POXBOW (50) (E S & W V Robins, Q Shersood 6 11 4 ______ J A McCariby

BETTING: 4-5 Golden Spinner, 9-4 Forbow, 5-1 Lively Knight, 18-1 Dancing Pimpernel, Basking Alon

5153/3-1 GOLDEN SPRINER (15) (D) (Si Peter Mater) N Hendesson 9 11 12 ____

Minimum regins 10st. True nancicup weggist. Lypnam's Fable 9st 11th. Creiworth Woh 9st 5ts. BETTING 3-1 Purovalue, 5-1 Frogmarch, 6-1 Revorend Brown, Nahlau, 10-1 Signt'n Sound, 12-1 The Mine Captain, El Freddle, 14-1 others

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4.	10	THATCHAM STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £2,000 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £1,783	
		ALS DINER (M Roberts) M Roberts 6 11.2	ı
	0	BANKS OF THE BRIDE (17) (Als B Wayne) Mrs B Wanng 6 11 2 E Byrne	ı
	Ť	BARON BRUCE (Mrs M. M Pating 6 Palong 611 2	ı
	0	BLOWN WIND (17) BT Stewart-Brown 0 Shenagod 5 11 2 J A McCartby	ı
	٠	DR DAVE IN W.J. McAutifle: N. McAutifle 5 11 2	l
		GET NEAL (Pioneer Heat-Treatments N Henderson 5 11 2	i
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3.00: 1. DANGER BABY (P Holley) 8-1: 2. Sedge Warbler 10-1; 3. Stramblebill Buck 6-1.15 ran. 11-4 hav Ocean Leader (pulled up; 9. 2: 2.10 Withards, Newbury). Toter £5.65. £1.20, £3.00. £2.20. DF: £43.60. CSF: £76.73. Treat: £608.02. NF: Maestro Paul for £109.50.

3.30: 1 MISTER ODDY (Mr. J. Culloty) 2-1 Lax, 2. Dear Do. 3-1; 3. Pesticarish 3-1 Y ran. 6, 8. 11 King, Swindon), Totes: 52.30: 51.90, 52.00, DF: 55.00, CSF: 17.50

4.00: 1_ COLONIAL KELLY (Mr P Hecking) 11-S p for 2. Still in Business 11-S p for 3. Dubit 5-1. 6 ran. 2-5, 3-5. (Mrs D Gas-sel, Puberstanger, Totas f.2-30; 51.40. 11.30 DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.40, NR. No lok-

4.30: 1. FANTASTIC FLEET (S. CURRI)
9-12-2. Tickerty's Cift. 7-2: 3. Footbot Romeo
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5.00: 1. BATTA BREEZE & Johnson: 3-1. 2. Hand Weeen 15-5 to; 3. Bdassb 7-2. Sins. 5, 12: 10 Kernson, Temple Gurng, Tota: 14-0, 51.10, 11.10, 11.50, DY: 28.10, CSF: 58-88 Gusdoot: 5: 73. Piacepob 219.00, Piace 6: 522-93. Piace 5: £19.11.

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2.50: 1. CANARION II AIT K Whelan' 9-2: 2. Cool Weather 10-1; 3. Welpin De Langres 5-2 fav. 15 no. 174, 2. 665 S Bo-nol. Thesis, Table 5-70; 5-2.70; 5-5 Oc. 51-90. OP 528 00. CSP 568-28. NR Cher-visions. 1919. 593-89.



3.20: 1. OFF THE BRU (Mr M Bradhurre; 5-1: 2. Royal Josep 4-9 fac; 3. Carousel Rocket 20-1 S sta. Hd, 2. (Mry S Bradhurre, Cupar, Tobe: £3.10; £1.50, £1.10. £1.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.64. NR: Free 7ransfer. Tno: £3.90.

3.50: 1 PENNY A DAY (P Name) 5-2 Jt tar, 2. Direct Route 8-1; 3. Santa Concerto 5-2 g tav. 13 ran. 142, 15. (Mrs M Revetey, Saltburn). Tothe: £3.50: £1.80, £2.70, £1.80. DF: £7.10. CSF: £21.82. Tric: £3.80. 2.1.00. UP: 1.1.10. CSF: 221.82. Tro: 53.90. 4.20: 1. CEILION BOY (Mr R Hale) 11-10 fav. 2. Stop The Wedler 7-4; 3. Antonin 15-2. 6 ran. 1, 25. (Mrs.) Goodfellow, Earlston. Tother £2.00; £1.20, £1.60. DF: *£2.10. CSF: 63.65.

*£2.10, CSF: £3.85.

4.50: 1 EVADIAN (P Neon) 12-1; 2. Stack The Cash 6-4 fav; 3. Any: Orean Would Do 4-1 11 ran. 2*/2. 4. (Mrs M Reveley, Sathum). Tota: £21.70: £4.20; £1.10. £1.80.0 CSF: £32.51. Tricast: £88.84. Tric. £58.00. CSF: £32.51. Tricast: £88.84. Tric. £58.00. Placeport: £30.70. Place 6: £18.10. Place 8: £2.88.

NEWTON ABBOT 2.15: 1. MELLION PRIDE (R Durwoody)
9-2: 2. Glengamif GM 11-4 p fay; 3. Mr Playfull 5-1: 13 mm. 11-4 p fay; 3. Mr Playfull 5-1: 13 mm. 11-4 p fay; 50-eady Snapsgen; 3-2. (P Hobbs). Toke: E5.30; £2.70.
£1.30, £1.30. DF: £5.90. CSF: £17.34. Tno:
£6.40. NR: Kingswood Manor.
2.45: 1. SISTER STEPHANE: (R Durwood)
4-4 fay; 2. Myblackthorn 7-2: 3. April Craise
50-1: 4 mm. Dst. pist. (6 McCourt.). Toke:
£1.10. DF: £1.50. CSF: £1.52.
2.15: 1. HOLD YOUR RAMES () Frost

51.10. 0F: £1.50. CSF: £1.52 3.15: 1. HOLD YOUR RAMES (I Frost 9.2 for 2. Bine Laws 7.1; 3. Whitebonnet 7.1 13 ran. 8. 8. (R Frost.) 1 Tota: £4.20: £2.00. £3.50, £2.30. 0F: £16.50. CSF: £27.29. Tocast: £208.70. Tno: £43.00.

137.29. Trocast: £208.70. Troc: £43.00.
3.48: 1. AROUND THE GALE (R DURWOOD)
4.6 fav. 2. Informacjo: 8-1; 2. Misse Fire-cracker 33-1. 7 van. 15, 70. 70 Gendoffo).
Totas: £1.80; £1.10, £3.80. DF: £4.00. CSF:
£6.61. NR: Tolcame Lady.
4.15: 1. ALLO GEORGE (A Thorroon)
3-1; 2. Beau Bubbland 5-4 fax, 3. Extrai Miss
5-1. 4 ran. 20, dist. (A Newcombe). Tota:
£4.30. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.99. NR: Misser
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4.45: 1. THREE FARTHINGS (G Upton)
Evers Sur. 2. Karlcleigh Man 6-1; 3. Bank
Avenue 10-1. 11 ran. 12, 14. (J Old). Tote:
£1.90; £1.30; £4.20; £2.00; DF: £6.40; CSF:
£8.42; Tnc: £21.20.
Quadpot: £24.30; Place 5: £18.72.
Place 6: £29.21; Place 5: £18.72.



SOUTHWELL SOUTHWELL

1.40: 1. INGVAR (F Lynch) 10-1; 2.

Philmist 5-2 fav; 3. Carrol Again 4-1. 7 ran.

3, 2. IC Booth, Yolar 513.10; 54.40, 52.00.

DF: £63.90, CSF: £55.15, Incest: £112.45.

Tric: £48.10. NR: Selmeston, Verm. Selmeston (3-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to bets at board prices orders. Rule 4 applies to bets at board prices orders. Adultion 10p in the pound.

2.10: 1. DAAWE (F Lynch) 7-2 kar, 2. Amesome Venture 9-2; 3. Desert Invader 4-1.

10 ran. Hd, rit. (Mrs V Aconley), Tota: £5.50.

£140, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £7.90. CSF: £1.40, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £7.90. CSF: £1.90.7. Theast: £80.62. Tric: £8.80.

2.40: 1 EULOGY (TASHS) 7-2; 2. El Nido 4: 1; 3. Bather 8-1., 8 ran: 10-11 fav Tarran Gern. 8, 24:, 1K Burle). Tete: £6.20: £1.40. £1.70, £1.10. DF: £13.10. CSF: £17.65. 3.10: 1. DISC OF GOLD (1 Willerns) 6-5 fav; 2. Organg 6-4; 2. Havene Heights 8-1, if ran. 20, 6. (M Johnston). Total: £2.40; £1.10, £1.80. OF: £1.80. CSF: £3.36. 3.40: 1. HIGH PREMIUM (A Cumme) 9-1: 2. Ansetina 4-1; 3. Second Colours 3-1 iav. 3 mas. 5mt-mt. 2. (F Fahre). Tota: 511.50: 52.10, 61.10, 61.20, 09: 618.50. CSF: 642.03. Treast: £123.65.

4.10° 1. DAVED JAMES' GRRL (tone wands) 11.4 fav; 2. No Submission 5-1; 2. First Gold 6-1.9 ran. N. 6. (A Balley). Tota: (3.40; 5.1.0, 6.1.70, f.4.30. DF: £14.20. CSF: £16.20. Tric: £10.80. CSF: £15.20. Her £10.80.
4.40: 1. TEMPERING (A.C. trane) 9-1; 2. Northern Their 7-4 for; 3. Chartle Biglime 8-1, 9 ran. 342. 114. (D. Chapman). Totac F9.80; £3.20. £1.80, £3.00. DF: £32.40. CSF: £25.97. Treast: £129.72. Quadyot: £4.90. Place 8: £5.91.

The amateur rider Richard Hale picked up a four-day whip ban after winning on Ceilidh Boy at Kelso yesterday. And the. Cumbrian-based pilot was not the only one to fall foul of the local stewards following the Ship Hotel Eyemouth Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase, because Brian Hamilton, beaten a length into second place on Stop The Waller following a long slog up the extended run-in, was also suspended for improper riding. Each was found to have struck his mount with undue frequency, Hamilton was banned for three days (11-13 March), and Hale's punishment takes ef-

fect on 11-14 March. Urgent Request, who won the Grade 1 Santa Anita Handicap last year, bids for a repeal success in the 10-furlong event in California today. The former Reg Akehurst-trained grey gained an easy all-the-way success in the Grade 2 San Marcos Handicap in January.

WARWICK

HYPERION 1.45 Sea Freedom 2.20 Jacob's Wife 2.50 Full Of Oats 3.20 Royal Ag Nag 3.50 Lying Eyes 4.20 Double Silk 4.55 Maylin Magic

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: From Line (2.50) & Doom Ridge (3.20) sent 212 miles by J J O'Neall from Skelton Wood End, Cumbris. (3.20) sext 212 miles by JJ O'Nell from Skelson Wood End, Cumbris.

1.45

WATERGALL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E)
£3,000 added 2m 4f 110yds

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7 QOS GALES OF LANGRIER (400) Y Forter 7 11 2 A Thombon
8 1-5P GORDON (SB) R Bocketh 7 11 2 V Smith
10 43 PLEPLE SPLANK (42) P Metro 6 11 2 J R Kevennigh
11 GOPP RADIO CARDUNE (14) M Tare B 11 2 B Fortion (3)
12 POSO-34 ROBER DE WOMERNY (LDS) R BOTH to 6 11 2 T Descende (5)
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15 QOS SMINE SUMAL (17) H One 7 11 2 Secqui Other
15 QOS SMINE SUMAL (17) H One 7 11 2 GROSS (BLOOM)
16 QO-04 ZP YOUR IP (14) Mr F T Gersey 6 11 2 G Hogen (3)
17 GOS-64 HIDENILA (73) Mr I Portigor 6 10 11 G Hogen (3)
17 GOS-74 EASTGATE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D)

2.20 EASTGATE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) BESTING: 1-2 Jacob's Wile, 3-1 Arctic Life, 9-2 Hashes

2.50 CRUDWELL CUP HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3m 5f

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Billionen S-2 Pail Of Otta, 6-1 Diamond Fort, 7-1 Moorcroft Boy, Beaurepaire, 8-1 Brackenfield, Gida Sneologis, 10-1 Lucky Lane, 12-1 Others 3.20 EMSCOTT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,650 added 2m

3.50 BLACKDOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2m 4f 110yds BETTING: 1-3 Double Silk, 4-1 Rolling Ball, 8-1 Goodshot Rich, 20-1 New 4.55 EDSTONE INTERMEDIATE OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 mares 2m - 25 decisred -BETTRIG: 7-2 Summit Else, 7-1 Maylin Magle, Dolco Notto, 8-1 Mici Bartholomow, Mid Day Chaser, 12-1 Joyful Palse, 14-1 others

Still football crazy after all these years

Peter Beardsley has been, seen and done most things, but he still can't want for Monday's game with Manchester United. He told Glenn Moore why

e stayed behind for extra training, he collected up the cones and markers, and. with Les Ferdmund, he was still signing autographs long after most of his team-mates were showered and changed. Newcosile may be on the brink of one of their most important matches in their recent history but, for Peter Beardsley yesterday, it was buriness as usual.

When Alex Ferguson suggested Newcastle will crack under the pressure of the title run-in, it was not Perer Beardsier he had in mind. Alone among the Newcastle team to Jace Manchester United at St James' Park on Monday night, he already has an English championship medal in his locker - two of them. He also carries the bitter memory of twice finishing second. He has been there, done that, and always with a certain style.

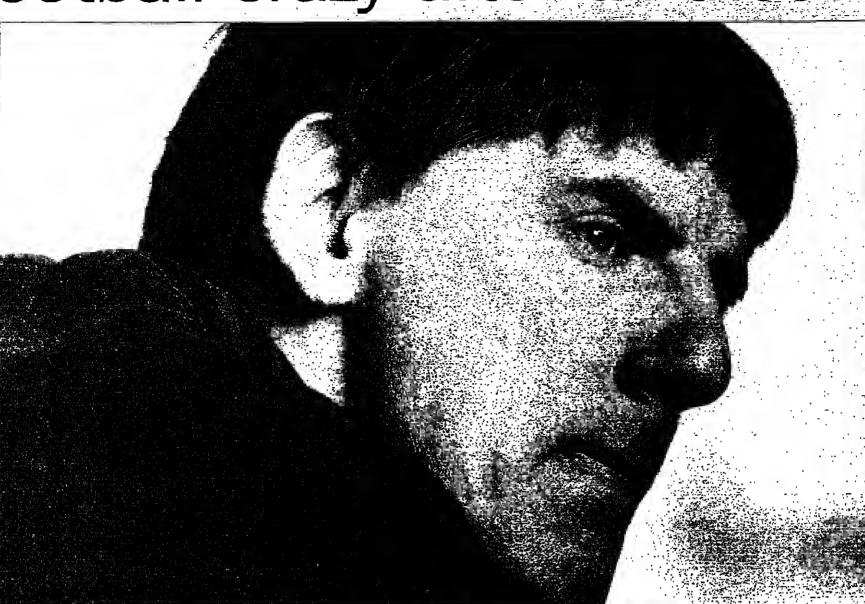
Thus, while the club has adopted an out-of-character siege mentality this week. Beardsley remains unaffected. An interview request was readily agreed to, with the proviso, made almost with embarrassment, that Kevin Keegan would have to grant permission first.

Keegan trusts his captain and, having finally left the pitch at Durham University's Maiden Casthe complex vesterday. Beardsley was able to explain how Monday's match excises, rather than intimidates, "I can't wait," he said, "If you cannot look forward to this there is no point in being in the game. If someone teld me at the beginning of the season: You will be four points clear at the beginning of March, playing the second-placed team to go seven clear. I would have been delighted.

"It becomes more enjoyable as you go on. At my uge (55) every-thing is a bonus and I am in a po-sition everybody would like to be in - cuptain of your home-town club, going for something like this."

A draw would be acceptable to Newcastia but Beardsley is well aware of the danger of settling for a stalemate in advance.

The two years I won the title with Liverpool, we did so quite comfortably. The close one was when game, they did. They took a few risks and got away with it. In many However, in a



Peter Beardsley at Newcastle United's training ground yesterday: 'It becomes more enjoyable as you go on'

ways it is better chasing than being in the lead. We can afford a draw on Monday but we are not a team to go looking for one. Especially at home, we have won 13 out of 13 and we are looking for 19 out 19."

Beardsley has a particular in-centive to do well. He came late to stardom - rejected by Gillingham and Cambridge, he had a spell of unemployment and then worked in an engineering factory. Carlisle discovered him at 18 and he also played for Vancouver Whitecaps before, in 1982, he appeared to have broken into the big time. Manchester United, impressed by Beardsley's display against them in Arsenal won with the last book of the season. We did not need to win the seconds – after United had kicked

However, in a frustrating season

he played just one game, a League Cup tie against Bournemouth, before Ron Atkinson allowed him to return to Canada. It was another two seasons before, at the age of 23, he was to play in the top flight with. Newcastle. Beardsley maintains he gets on well with Atkinson, but believes he was never given a chance.

"Il is always special to play against Manchester United but not in the way it is with Liverpool and Everton, where I played in the first team. A lot of the Manchester United fans probably do not re-member I was there. But it is the biggest club in the country, the place is special and the people are -Brian Kidd. Norman Davies [the kit man]. People who were there when

I was there."
From Vancouver Beardsley

joined Newcastle, then Liverpool, but he never forgot the early years. "Working in a factory helped me realise how lucky I am. Now the

'At my age all this is a bonus and I am in a position everybody would like to be in'

money is coming in I am able to look after my family better than I was able to be looked after. I appreciate what I have got."

either. Last week Beardsley was Newcastle's best player in the 3-3; draw with Manchester City. Prompting and providing, his skills stood comparison with David Ginola and Faustino Asprilla, He re-mains in Terry Venables' plans and, with Nick Barmby suffering a

loss of form, may yet be a key play-er in England's Euro 96 challenge.

be like a mini-World Cup. injuries - I har I am trying to stay a part of it coperation. as long as possible. Because the game has got quicker the older players, who use their heads, can stay, in the game longer. The likes of reciate what I have got."

Gordon Strachan and Ray Wilkins: keep you young -you have to be First, however, there is ManHe is in no hurry to let it go. who have clever brains, make the on your toes otherwise they take it chester United to deal with...

make much of their devotion to diet

"I am hopeful rather than con- eat. I think it is because I train the fident, I want to be there but I am. way I do. When I pack it in I may not convinced I will be - he [Terry have to be careful, I eat a fair bit Venables] has so much choice. It will of chocolate. I have been lucky with

> part of the game. It is easy for any captain of this club would be spe-body to run about and chase peo - cial. The first trophy is always the ple. The kids in the dressing-room . hardest to win."

mosphere more than anything.
With Asprilla coming in to partner Les Ferdinand. Beardsley-played in a more withdrawn role played in a more within the against City. Keegan has long envisaged Beardsley further pro-longing his career by making such a move, but the player himself is less

"Ideally, I would rather be up front but we have such a good squad now you have to be happy to play anywhere. Many people would give their right arm to be in my position. wherever it is in the team. The boss knows I will accept it and make the most of it. Last week I feld I played really well there. It sounds big-headed but I did not give the ball away many times, and I was always

there trying to help.

"I do not know what will happen on Monday. Rob Lee will be back so, whether he alters the balance and plays four it the back or leaves and plays four it the back or leaves." out a midfielder. I do not know. He has some decisions to make. He will not fell us until seven o' clock on Monday night. That is always the way – he did not fell us on Saturday until two o'clock.

I do not know how the game will go. I have a horrible feeling it will be an anticlimat. Everyone is talking about the game of the season and in terms of what is at stake it is going to be - but it might not be what people expect. If is a 4-4 draw everybody will be delighted but I have a speaking feeling it could be a 1-0.

They have got to be positive and, when I have seen them away from home on Sky, they have been They have so much pace in the side. They can adapt to any situation – hopefully, with so much depth in the squad, we can as well.

"[Eric] Cantona is on a different-planet, he is that special. It is nice for me that people say be plays the same role. It is a compliment to me f people say we are on the same

"I think be and Coley Andy I think he and Onley Andy
but Beardsley is fuelled by natural
fitness and enthusiasm.

Cole will be the top pair in the
country next season. We will see the
real Andy Cole, He will have settled in he has just had a baby;
what I want. When we go away on
a Friday night, I always have chick—and he and Cantona will have the
en soup and roast chicken, other
whole season together
than that Feat what the kids at home—By then Beardsley hopes to be
the offence of the pair in the Champion's League.

playing in the Champions League. That would be unbelievable, especially for the fans. It means so much up here. We have not won the of chocolate. I have been lucky with much up here. We have not won the injuries - I have not had a serious. League since 1928, We have not eration. been to Wembley for 20 years. To The enthusiasm is the easiest lift the Premiership trophy as the

City trial for second Georgian

Manie Monday iooms on Tyneside, but more than a third of the sides trailing the Uniteds of Newcastle and Manchester will today be concentrating on being clear of the Premiership's bottom three by mid-May rather than pendering the destination of the championship.

Relegation, with the lost face and finance it entails, could be catastrophic for Manchester City. The organization their plight yesterday prompted Alan Bull to sign a second Georgiau international, Mikhail Kavelashvili, on trial from Spartak Vladivkavkaz with a view to a £1.5m deal. Kavelashvili, a striker rec-

ommended to Ball by Georgi Kinkladze - with whom he played for Dinamo Tbilisi last cason - is not eligible to face Elackburn, Nevertheless his arrival suggests City aim to survive playing with freedom. rather than fear.

Encouraged by having scored three times against championselect Newcastle a week ago. when Kinkladz?'s virtuosity was overshadowed by the Curie-Asprilla feuds, they may find the champions' travel sickness makes them ideal follow-up opponents.

City occupy the highest of the relegation places, although they have the same points tally (25). as the three clabs immediately above them. Shoffield Wednesday, who tackle a Bayern-bound Nottingham Forest with a 7-1 home humiliation to avenge,

They did it again, Lost 3-1 at

Wimbledon in the lifth-round re-

play, ruining their best showing

in the FA Cup for 25 years. Correct me it I'm wrong: 25 years ago, weren't Wimbledon a youth

ream in the Spud-U-Like League Third Division South?

We, on the other hand, are

a proper team; we've won the

First Division (three times in a

row, actually) and the Cup:

we've got a proper strip, with

nice blue and white stripes:

even proper players like Denis

Denis Law! The icon who in-

vented that sticking-up-your-

arm-in-the-air business when

you score a goal didn't do that

Law have turned out for us.

Phil Shaw looks forward to an eventful programme of matches over the weekend

guably have most to lose. They have enjoyed 29 years' unbrolien membership of the top division and allowed Ron Aikinson to spend unprecedented sums to maintain it. Against West Ham, the form of newcomers Eoin Jess and Liam Daish is likely to come under

Apart from City, Coventry ar-

Armstrong at Tottenham.
Wimbledon, sandwiched beeven more intense scrutiny af- should know they have scored

Rangers' Europe-wide pursuit Walter Smith, the Ibrox man-

ager, is keen to sign Riedle, who played with Paul Gascoigne at Lazio in Italy, On Thursday Smith spent £1.5m on the Danish international striker. Erik Bo Andersen, from Aalborg. Rangers have reportedly of-

summer. However, Dortmund could cost up to £2m.

placed of the queasy quartet as they face the injury-troubled Teddy Sheringham and Chris

tween the Saints and Sky Blues, receive Chelsea a week before their FA Cup quarter-final collision. Those who would not lament the Dons' demotion ter the revelation that a Labour as many goals as fourth-placed MP put £5m towards transfers. Aston Villa.

Scottish champions have also

been checking out another Ger-

man international. Bayer Lev-

Rangers pursue Riedle

Scottish football

of new talent has turned to the German Bundesliga and Burussia Dortmund's experienced international striker. Karlheinz Riedle, writes Rupert Metcalf.

fered a 12m package to Riedle. who will be out of contract this

Edrink out of the lucky mug

all week, touch the team cai-

endar every Saturday, rub the

commemorative plate ("Second Division Play-Off Winners 1995 – Back in the Big Time") and still they fail me. In the first

match we were 2-1 up in the

third minute of injury time, and

our lault. We're on Maich of the

Day for the first time in don-

key's years, and while it's

"plucky" Preston or "hard-done-by" Hartlepool, we're "naïve" - a point he rams

home by showing 133 clips of

naive play by a team 2-1 up with

no time left on the clock.

Alan Hansen even said it was

we still let them equalise.

Superior goal difference makes Southampton the best-position looking forlorn. John may offer him a new deal. The

> erkusen's Ulf Kirsten, and a German-based Dane, Mikkel Beck of Fortuna Cologne. Andersen is due to make his Rangers debut at Hibernian tomorrow. Celtic, who can draw level on points with Rangers at the top of the Premier Division if they beat Hearts at home to-day, are also interested in Kirsten but may drop plans to sign the Portuguese international. Jorge Cudete, from Sporting Lisbon after they discovered

yesterday the striker is not a free

agent, as had been mought, but

entire life. Ever since my mum took me to see them play Man-

chester United in 1971, they

have consistently failed me.

She wanted to see Georgie

Best, and see him she did, walteing merrily around our

Someone should have taken

me to one side and said: "Son.

don't waste your life with this

mob. They II lead you on, give

you a whitf of success and then

last five minutes."

o time left on the clock.

They've been doing this my lose, on penalties, to Swansea.

put three in their own net in the

But I wouldn't be told. Au-

toglass Trophy Final 1994, first

time at Wembley since before

the war, the entire town in Lon-

leaden-footed defenders.

McGinlay and Alan Stubbs are recalled from the bench at Leeds, for whom Tomas Brolin starts for the first time since 31 January. Wbether Howard Wilkinson lets him finish the The Football Association is match is another matter. Queen's Park Rangers are be-

ing written off with 21 points, perhaps prematurely in the age of three points for a win. However, a 100 per cent record in London derhies this season (eight games, eight defeats) does not augur well for Arsenal's visit.

Villa's appearance on the fringe of the title race is an example to all the stragglers. Af-ter avoiding relegation on the final day last season, they go to Liverpool tomorrow with one Wembley place secure, anoth-Premiership. Liverpool, 2-0 victors at Villa Park a month ago. must win to keep the pressure on the top two.

It is an important weekend in the First Division too, with the leaders Derby pitting a long un-beaten run against fourthplaced Huddersfield, who boast just one post-war win at the Baseball Ground. Derby may look assured of promotion, but Sunderland and Charlton have games in hand.

Stoke, in fifth place despite restrictions on Lou Macari's spending power, will also be strong candidates for one of the two automatic berths if they see

They'll put three in their own net in the last five minutes

FAN'S EYE

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No 139

Huddersfield

Jules Brown

Swansea are Wclsh - shouldn't

even be in the League.
Take the Second Division

play-offs against Peterborough a couple of years earlier. By some mysterious hand-of-God

process, Huddersfield even

contrived to win the first leg

away from home. Then they

managed to lose the home leg... How could this happen?

FA's push for rule change

spearheading a move to allow referees who play the advantage rule to change their mind if the advantage does not materialise. The game's international

rule-making body, the International Foothall Association Board, is to vote on the idea at its annual meeting in Rio de Janeiro on 9 March.

The FA wants to give referees the chance to go back and award a free-kick if the team benefiting from the advantage rule subsequently lose posses-sion. They believe it would aler possible and a good chance of qualifying for Europe via the could be implemented next sealow more flexibility - and it son. An official of the game's international governing body, Fifa, said the main problem would be to decide how long referees could wait before deciding whether the team bad

gained an advantage. The board will also vote on a move to allow three substitutions and a total of seven players on the bench during all official competition matches. Other proposals formally recognising that it is the linesman's role to signal offside and off-the-ball incidents. Any proposals passed will be introduced on 1 July.

Fifa will also discuss measures to increase the proportion

Why? I drank out of the mug. I bloody did. That's how... Here's a question. What

team has come from behind by

the biggest margin to win a

League game? Answer: Charl-ton Athletic, 6-1 down at Hud-

dersfield, where else, with 20

minutes to go. Result? 7-6 to Charlton. This was in the 1950s

-1 wasn't even born, you buf-foons. How could I have touched the lucky plate? But Huddersfield are chal-

lenging for promotion to the Premiership now, and we even

have a fancy new stadium, do we not? Well, yes, but we're not

fooled. Promotion last season

Hoddle's move for Wright rejected

NICK DUXBURY

Glenn Hoddle's phone call to Arsenal asking for Ian Wright's home number met with a unequivocal rebuff from Bruce Rioch. "I told him that Ian is not on the transfer list and is not for sale," the Arsenal manager

Hoddle's interest in taking the Gunners striker and High-bury idol to Chelsea for £2.5m had been aroused by press spec-ulation that Wright's first-team place might not be secure, with Rioch having reportedly been to France to run his eye over Patrice Loko, the Paris St-Germain forward. A scouting outing that Rioch yesterday denied had taken place.

Wright has escaped with a censure by the Football Association over his "little Hitlers" comment about referees. Rioch was "delighted" at the out-come but added the rider that "it's down to lan as far as discipline is concerned. I think we have seen Cantona address the problem very well to date".

Kevin Keegan, who has been keeping a low profile in advance of Monday's meeting with Manchester United, yesterday broke cover to defend Paustino Asprilla and attack television's role in disciplinary matters. from Ci The Newcastle manager. £150,000.

not big fans of that in Hudder-

sfield, where we like to think of

And the stadium... Building of the Year in 1995, but we can't

even do that right, because un-

til they finish the far end, all the

visiting fans get to taunt us with chants of: "Three stands,

you've only got three stands."

Maybe, just maybe, the new manager Brian Horton is going to change all our lives. He's

taught some of the players not to kick the ball quite so high,

and he's even turned down se-

rious money for our top scor-

er. Andy Booth. Alas, when

was won by playing Neil War-nock long-ball ping-pong, we're fuotwork, there are still too the Cup and First Division survival double for us this year.

there is some nifty one-two the magnificent fifth round of fuotwork, there are still too the Cup and First Division

ourselves as skilled artists.

speaking for the first time since his £7.5m signing was charged with two counts of misconduct following the game against Manchester City, said that trial by television was "a very

dangerous road" to go down. "If it's happening to every other team then that's fine," he said. "But it's not fine if one or two teams are going to be in-volved, especially as the chances are that it is the top teams which are going to be shown more on

As Ior Asprilla, Keegan will be standing by his man. "After all I'm the guy who went out there and signed him," he said. Regi Blinker, the Dutch in-

ternational winger, has agreed a three-and-a-half year con-tract with Sheffield Wednesday. Blinker, 26, is rated at around £Im by Wednesday, who are

film by Wednesday, who are now ironing out the financial details with Feyenoord.

Steve Claridge finally completed a £1.2m move to Leicester, complaining that he wouldn't treat my dog the way I have been treated by the Birmingham manager, Barry Fry. The Claridge cash did not stay long in Blues' coffers, with Fry spending £500,000 on Anidy Legg and Paul Devlin from Notts County.

Southend have have signed the Dutch striker Jeroen Boere

the Dutch striker Jeroen Boere from Crystal Palace for

anxiously into the sky, looking for a non-existent long, high ball. While the opposition is rendered helpless with laughter, someone hoofs it into their net from 70 yards. We're currently in the top six, so it's worked so far but it son't lest

worked so far, but it won't last.

home and away defeats by bot-

tom of the league (at the time)

Port Vale to concentrate our minds. Even Sheffield United have turned us over at home.

It's happening again. We could have been playing Chelsea in the quarter-finals of the FA.

Cup but, mark my words, it's the magnificent titth round of

No, we have already had the

Team news

Coventry v West Ham

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Covertry will have Borows and Williams
back after suspension, whole manager.
Autorson is likely to turn to manager.
Notows if Teller facts in stake off a top
injury. West Hom's Crost defender Bitic has recovered from the antice poollem that kept him against Arsenat test
week and as sector-replace balvas, Micfielder Montour is also back in this again
after intent.

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Brotte may displace Messaga in the Leods starting line-up while defenders Dorligs, Jobson Timec) and Perducation (leg. flu) are ruled out and Kelly (shis, lone). Is doubtful, as Radebe, and Worthington should heep their places. Button may received his line and Stubies in place of Blace and Thorneson, who is suspended.

City have Filtered and Frontzeck available after suspensions. Hilley, an impressive debutant against Newcastakiss week, may move to high-back to accommodate the Gestham. Blackburnwingers Wilcom, funktion and Righey friemshrung, are nated out white Bothner is very doubtifut, but Newell is back after a two-match ban.

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a smilar problem. Southampton weldonne tack the Tisseer after fill, problethy in-place of and Catday. Dodd is
bermed end Neilson is injured so Widdington may stay in deterrice.

Striker Holdsworth and defender Per-y return after suspension for Wimble-don but veteralt striker Haifold is still Samed. Despite goin and facial injuries. Boltu should be it to play for the Dons. Chelsea should be unchanged.

Liverpool v Aston Villa Liverpool hope that Collymore can stillled off the effects of a heavy cold end 1980 can give nome of a Signit gion; street while toward totax con treet, a street which are a harmstring street.

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TOMORROW-

World Cup

Robert Winder

But the college is also keen to promote character: trainees

are expected to show "aggres-

siveness, cool mind, no fear,

fighting spirit, discipline, con-

viction, sincerity, and noble-ness". This is, of course, almost

exactly the psychological pro-

file of the typical English crick-

eter. Sincerity? Nohleness?

When the man of the match

award in South Africa's victory

over Pakistan went to Hansie

Cronje, it was partly for his

match-winning innings but mainly for his "cool head" as

When Pakistan got off to a

flying start [50 off 11 overs),

Cronje had the nerve to put

himself on to bowl and put a

short fielder on the off side.

Saeed Anwar promptly drilled the hall to the short extra

(McMillan) and two halls

later the skipper trapped ljaz Ahmed leg-before. Be-wildered Pakistani journalists

asked Cronje how come he

seemed to suffer no nerves. He

smiled. "Oh, there are always

butterflies," he admitted, "It's

just nice at the moment that

The rumour mill was working

at full throttle with the non-

the shock defeat in Karachi.

Apparently he had refused to bat at No 6, there'd been a

row, and he'd heen dropped.

They had been cheering him at

midnight the previous evening

as he formally unveiled a giant 50ft, 12-ton World Cup bat at

a ceremony on one of Karachi's

roundabouts (way after curfew for the team, naturally). And at

the fall of every wicket they

cried for "Ja-ved! Ja-ved!" But

he never appeared and when

Asked about his absence.

Wasim was hreezy: Javed had

picked up a little injury that

morning, he said. But what

ahout the curfew? Well, said

Wasim, maybe he knew he was

going to be injured and there-

fore the curfew didn't matter.

This was by any standards a

No one dared tell the crowd.

selection of Javed Miandad for

they're flying in formation."

It's not cricket, surely.

a captain.

diary

England in another

there is a spot of humiliation in the offing it took England just a single day to snatch back the headlines from a hapless West Indies side. Clearly not content with having the spotlight of ridicule removed for more than a few days, England again found themselves hasking in its humiliating glow after being Cricket Association team.

minnows the size of Kenya and side have invited ridicule, that nobody seems surprised to them. And judging by some of the expressions on the players neither do they.

The one noticeable exception was Michael Atherton, who failed to emerge from the the "runners-up" cheque, or his memento from the match. This has not been a good week as far England captain, and both keepsakes had to be accepted

Australia 158-2

(Australia win by 8 wickets)

share, and the hulk of the home team's target of 264 was scored by the teenage opening pair of Shadab Kabir with 68 and Hashif Ahmed, who

like they would rather be anywhere other than the Karachi Gymkhana, bowling on the bare brown pitch. "It's never easy to get 100 per cent out of yourself, reckoned Illingworth by way of an excuse for some of the England bowling, "but we had a good work-out."

seen, and despite the tame per-formance by the bowlers, they are heing given today off before Sunday's Group B game against Pakistan. However, even if England should win the match, it is unlikely to alter where they end up playing the quarter-finals. At present, this looks like heing Faisalabad, and their first important match of the tournament since securing wins over the Netherlands and the United Arab

line-up. However, the 57 runs of a capacity home crowd, they contributed between them bardly represented the bon's Africa, whose superiority, based



England stumble again: Topcorer Dermot Reeve struggles to keep his feet in Karachi yesterd

on Bob Woolmer's homework, paid off handsomely.

Pakistan have never been very good at setting targets. This was particularly true last Thursday, when several well established batsmen seemed to want to leave it to others to play the big shots, causing the innings to lose momentum during the

latter stages.

The chief culprits were the centurion, Aamir Sohail, and Salim Malik, who kept giving each other the strike in the hope that one of them would launch an attack. Neither did, and the total Pakistan eventually set

However, chasing any target against Pakistan requires special them at the death. attention to the first 15 overs.

hitter", plundered 105 off them after which the game was a formality providing they did not lose too many wickets. It was a deliberate tactic in

order to keep the run-rate as low as possible over the last 10 overs, a phase of the game that Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis are particularly adept at, their pace and reverseswinging vorkers being particularly hard to combat in the search for quick runs. And of the tourna not many sides win needing fine bowlers.

South Africa, without a "pinch-

more than six an over against

There has been talk of late that Alec Stewart will take over the gloves from Russell, a rumour instantly scotched by Illingworth. On a pitch likely to be slow with a small amount of turn for the spinners, England will need players who are good sweepers of the hall like Russell and Dermot Reeve, if England are to comhat Mushtag Ahmed and the off-spinner Saglain Mushtag effectively. It would be a touch ironic should Rohin Smith get his first outing of the tournament against such

However, Recye's inclusion. looking more imminent after his 82 yesterday, will depend on what bowling options England decide upon, after they have seen the pitch. At the moment, Peter Martin is nursing a niggle, while Dominie Cork looks exhausted. Both are crucial when fit, as is Richard Illingworth, now fully recovered from

his stomach hug.

After a week of low points,
England will probably go and
heat Pakistan in Karachi on
Sunday. As the hookies in this part of the world will tell you, stranger results than that have

Dutch had scored a modest 216

for 9 off their 50 overs in the

Group B match, the UAE

Salim, a 30-year-old right-

hander, plundered seven fours

and six sixes during his 77-

fastest century of the compe-

tition until he was caught hy

Bas Zuiderent at long-on off

the Dutch skipper. Steven

Salim now holds the dis-

tinction of hitting the most

sixes in the competition, over-

taking Sri Lanka's Asanka

Gurusinha who struck five

against Zimhabwe at Colombo

to spare.

minute knock.

Luhbers.

Jonty busy sharing the magic around

Pakistan is submitting eagerly to the cult of Jonty Rhodes, the world's leading diving-stop specialist. He is the star of the Share the Magie" posters Sellotaped on to any spare hit of wall by the sponsors, and fans hog the courtesy phones at the team hotel trying to give him flowers. He even appeals to political activists.

During South Africa's match against England in Rawalpindi a lot of noise was coming from spectators waving banners calling for the "liber-ation" of Kashmir, Kashmir has been disputed territory since partition in 1947, and the tournament organisers had infuriated Pakistani sensitivities by including Kashmir in their laser map of India.

So it wasn't surprising that armed police began to move in. But once they got close enough to hear exactly what the crowd was chanting, they relaxed. Fervent supporters of one of the world's most fraught territorial issues were united as they shouted: "Jon-ty! Jon-ty! Jon-tv!

The security forces were busier in Karachi for Pakistan's game against South Africa. The city that played host to six murders a week in 1995 (44 deaths in February) has not had too many public get-togethers in recent years, and no one was taking any chances. Spectators were obliged to enter the stadium empty-handed: binocu-lars, placards, hanners. sandwiches and musical instruments were banned. Even facepaint was treated as a threat to security: various children were told to remove the Pakistan flag

from their faces. It paid off, though there was one false alarm when a loud explosion made the stadium tremble. It turned out to he a gas canister for halloon hlowing-up. Five children were injured, and a man fell off the roof of an enclosure and broke his leg. In the Karachi scheme of things, in other words, it was nothing at all.

Any England fans who have east envious glances at fudia's opening bowler Javagal Srinath will be relieved to know that his emergence as a bat they began to get the gist, and booed their captain. dent. He is the product of one of several new cricket academies in India: he studied under Dennis Lillee in Madras.

Another such academy has been established in Gwalior. He seemed set for the scene of India's emphatic win over the West Indies last week. The academy prepares its select band of promising cricketers by extensively analysing their technique and mental

superb answer. Karachi has faith that Javed is capable of pretty much anything, but approach to the game. foretelling his own injury?

This week at the World Cup

Moment of the week

Sachin Tendulkar sending the Bombay crowd into paroxysms of delight by hat-batting Shane Warne's first ball into the sightscreen. The Indian opener went on to take 10 runs off the over, but Warne's next nine overs cost only 18 runs as Australia won the match by 16 runs.

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England's humiliation of the week

Alec Stewart and Phil DeFreitas, being run out against South Africa with errors which would earn a rocket if committed in an under-11 game Stewart did not even try to run his bat in while DeFreitas got his bat stuck in the turf short of the crease.

the week "We came to the World Cup to prove that we could play and I think that we did prove

Quote of

and i think that we did prove that today. It is like having won the World Cup.
Maurice Odumbe, the Kenyan captain, after his side's momentous win against the West Indies.

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Waugh lifts Australia

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tralia alongside the group leaders, more than 155. Sri Lanka, on six points with one even more punishment, but few

with a rapid eight-wicket victory would have almost certainly

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confidence of their captain, Andy Flower, Only the opener Andy Waller, who held the Zimbabwe innings together until the 36th over with a sensible 67. offered prolonged resistance. No batsmen was comfortable

Zimbawe's decision to bat

of their batsmen justified the

against Warne who achieved prodigious turn at times and finished with 4 for 34. The legspinner removed Andy Flower in classic fashion when he failed to pick a beautifully flighted googly and was smartly stumped by lan Healy for seven.

Viv Richards and Ramiz Raja remain the only men to have scored three World Cup hundreds, hut Waugh's form suggests he may yet join them.

Salim inspires Emirates After the more experienced

United Arab Emirates 220-3 (UAE win by 7 wickets)

A dazzling 84 from the opener thrilled the crowd of 4,500 in Salim Raza and a five-wicket return from Shaukat Dukan- UAE pulled off an unexpected wala was enough to give the win in what was hilled as the United Arah Emirates their hattle of the minnows.

first World Cup victory in Lahore yesterday when they beat the Netherlands hy seven

the Gaddafi Studium as the

Lahore scoreboard

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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P J Bakley not out ______ Extres (65, b15, w11)

Bowling: Shahzad Altaf 10-3-15-1; Sama-rasekera 9-1-35-0; Saced-al-Saftar 3-0-25-0; Dufumwala 10-0-29-5; Sultan Zarawani 8-0-40-1; Saftern Raza 5-0-23-0; Adhar Saced 5-0-29-2.

(United Arab Emirates won toss) NETHERLANDS

on 21 February. The victory enabled the UAE to end their group campaign on a high after suffering dismal defeats in their first four outings.

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ing v Newbury.

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tergram v Knassa. MORTH PREMIER First Division: Ben Phydding v Halfas; Harngete v Warrington; Neston v Not-ton; Southport v Formby; Timperley v Shefield Strategy. WOMEN'S VARSITY MATCH Odoro v Cambridge

ion (2.30).

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v Oxbord Hawis; Bournemouth v Beckenham,
Chichesser v Spensor; High Wycombo v Ancho-nents; Lervies v Wayangham; Liona v Gore Court.
Old Waldountiens v Fareham; Wimblodon v Old Ringstonans; Winchesser v Mavdenhead; Wok-ing v Newbury.

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE Premier: Brachnell v Doncaster (2.0): Carton v Hightown
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v Ealing (3.0).

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Isca v Shefffed (1:10): Otton on West Wanack
v Buenans (2:0).
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Sheffield (6,15); Dumain's Humberade (6,36);
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reports from Karachi

Never a team to be outdone when there is a spot of

beaten by a scratch Karachi City It is a seismic event when swallow big fish the size of the West Indies. Yet such is the regularity with which this Engwhen the giant-killing happens

faces after the game yesterday. dressing-room to collect either as PR is concerned for the

on his behalf, by Alec Stewart, Afterwards, Ray Illingworth shrugged off the five-wicket defeat, coolly executed with five halls to spare. The match, he said, had been "used for practice". A fact conveniently borne out by the presence of both Graham Thorpe and Jack off. Prone to excitability and Russell in the KCCA batting squabbling, especially in front

scored 71. "Our problem," Illingworth said, "has been the batsmen not

getting runs. As such our priority here was to get batsmen to the crease, which we did and I think they'll be in better form for it, especially as the pitch was a little bit quicker than the ones we've been

But if the batting benefited, the bowling lacked direction, particularly early on, when DeFreitas and Cork looked

Just how good remains to be

Emirates. If it were not for Pakistan's unrivalled capacity for selfdestruction, however, you would blithely write England squabbling, especially in front

playing on.

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12.30h; Conwy v Ton Pentre (2.30); Cambigan v

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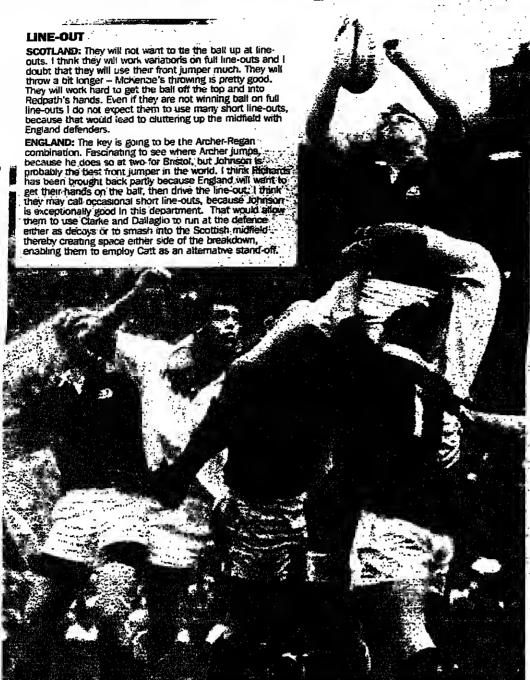
Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, assesses which team has the advantage in each of the crucial tactical areas of today's game, and predicts who will emerge

Interview by David Llewellyn

as winners

Bath won the Pilkington Cup last year in Brian Ashton's first season in charge. He took over following four successful years as assistant to Jack Rowell, coaching the backs. He was assistant coach on England's 1985 tour to

New Zealand, and also coached teams in Italy from 1976 to 1979





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scotland: This is not regarded as a strength. They looked a wee bit creaky in the Wales game and I do not think they will be searching for a game involving a great deal of scrummaging. From a tactical point of view what they will be aiming to do on their own put-in is to get ball as quickly as possible back to the No 8 and then away and out to

ENGLAND: This is a new scrummaging unit, but if it comes together then I think they will be happy to drive as many scrums as think some back-row moves will involve Richards holding the ball up around him and then they to drive it and spin it off down the



because then Smith will find it very difficult to restato the gas ENGLAND: This has challed for the fifth time of a station the and is the fourth different combination; I see Englands seek a a two plus one combination i.e. two ball winning manuscratter a two plus one commination i.e. two commining programs of pallaging and rechards, or Clarke and Richards, and settles Tarke of ballaging rouning off Dewson and Grayson to hit fifth the Scottish half-becks. And by bracking close in this area it allows their front five to get in more publishing close in this area it allows their front five to get in more publishing to the near obase. Clarke, at No G, has the opportunity not to get intolved all the nist breakdown; and I think if he were to play of the shoulder of Suscott in broken play if could be startlingly dynamic and effective.

RUNNING/KICKING

SCOTLAND: We can expect to see a lot of box kicks from Redpath and some teasing ones from Townsend. Townsend will also probably we a fairly shrewd idea of what Grayson's defensive capabilities are, so he will know which runners to use in that area as they have been successful here in the past three games. They do not have what I would call the fluency of a traditional threequarter line, but they have very strong and abrasive runners, who run very good angles off Townsend and also are good ball winners. The nature of the game they play is that they react well. If a ball pops out unexpectedly you can guarantee that the likes of Dods, Joiner or Shepherd will counterattack. They are all always on the look-out for half-chances.

Defensively, they are more than sound in the centre, not quite so

ENGLAND: I suspect Grayson will probably kick more than run the ball, certainly earlier on to help the front-five settle and go forward, since it is vital that they get moved backwards and sideways on the pitch as little as possible: I think Dawson will kick into the box and Grayson into the area some 15 or 20 metres inside the touchlines. But I hope the opportunity presents itself – and England take it – to use the likes of Sleightholme, Guscott, Catt and Underwood, whose combined pace is devastating wide out, where Scotland may just

Carling and Guscott showed a willingness, given early ball, to run at the Welsh midfield. Guscott has always been an electrifying runner, just give him five yards in which to run at the opposition and he can very easily unsettle a defence. Carling has always been very good in the past at running good angles against a drift defence, and he needs to do this again at Murrayfield; but both need early ball.



SCOTLAND: Scotland have a club side mentality because of the way their season has been organised. spending every weekend together between internationals. They have also played the same way if all three previous championship matches and they know precisely what their roles are. Generally, because of their preference for a rucking game, they will attack some 15 metres wide of first phase.

The point at Issue is, can they sustain their style of play when there is a triple Crown and a Grant Staff of stake — at Murrayfield? A great deal will be down to Redpath and Townsend to play it as they stake — at Murrayfield? A great deal will be down to Redpath and Townsend to play it as they stake require a massive collective and courageous effort — physically and mentally — to play as they are doing, and if one player freezes then the whole thing could start to fall apart. Overall their gards plant, will be flexible, they will use space as it occurs in front of them and just go. In dramatic terms through the improvisers.

ENGLANID: They will want to get Archer and Richards into the game as quickly as possible of a specific safe on they will be looking for scrums and line-outs to get those departments working; this will be possible to the pour the Scottish front five.

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Thay will want to attack between five and 10 metres wide of first phase and use their big metro hit the half-backs, making them do as much tackling as possible. So they will employ driving mauls and petregative backs now moves and try to stop Scotland's back now ranging about the field. England need to get the half-between kicking and ball in hand, for kicking often relinquishes control and in rugby league firey set. It being which controls the ball, controls the game. Given the importance of the occasion I suspect England will be much tighter and closer. Overall, the England game plan will be more rigid. They will try to create space its and then use it. In dramatic terms, perhaps, this is method acting.

It will be a close game. I cannot see either side running away with it. But if both sides play to le

Smith helps endangered species

aving played for Scotland off and on since 1992. Ian Smith – who is as intrinsically Glawster as you could get - has long since grown impatient with persistent questioning about his lineage. But build up to a Scottish Grand Slam finale against England and he is asked about little else.

Begging his pardon even so. but there is a unavoidable dichotomy between the Smith who sits comfortably in the familiar surroundings of Kingsholm talking about his life in (mainly Gloucester) rugby and the Caledonian alter ego who has done Five Nations rugby a service by blazing a trail on behalf of an endangered rugby species called the open-side flanker. At nearly 32, Smith has been

around long enough - more than 350 Gloucester games since makine his debut as an 18-yearaggravating inquisitors to know membered that in 1990 he was sive Scotland coach, made up individual excellence during a plementation. To think that not

it up." he complained. Sorry, lan, but there is no escape.

"I know it's a fact of my past but it does get annoying when people harp on about it when they could be concentrating on the rugby or the game. There is nothing I can say that will make people think I'm a Scotsman. All I can do is go out and play, and if you think I play like an Englishman playing for Scot-land, then so be it. The fact is departure with Chris Gray, the I feel like a Scotsman and always Nottingham captain.

have since I was a young boy. But the fact is, too, that under present eligibility rules Smith would have committed himself to England - at least until a decent interval had passed - when he represented England B against Spain in old - and dealt with enough 1989, and it is not widely re-

even in England's preliminary squad for the '91 World Cup.

But it was in 1990, on the very day that he dashed away from a Gloucester game at Notting-ham for one of those England sessions, that the change of allegiance hegan to occur. Gloucester's defeat that day cost them the championship, but the consolation for Smith was a conversation he had before his

Gray, an exile from the Lothians who had played in the Scot-land second row against England when the Grand Slam had been won six weeks earlier, knew of Smith's Scottish connection and. as any good Scot would, tapped him up. A later phone call from Ian McGecchan, the persua-

that curiosity about his prove-nance will continue as long as his nance will continue as long as his Scotland cureer. "I get so irrito play for Scotland. Steve Bale reports on England's loss

Smith's mind up for him; he made his Test debut in 1992 and will win his 16th cap for the land of his paternal grandparents against England this afternoon. Smith's father Dick. an outstanding Gloucester flanker who appeared in the very first knock-out final at Twickenham

in 1972, was Gloucester-born to a couple from Aberdeen which Smith Jnr insists gave him a Scottish allegiance from his earliest years. "I had always supported Scotland as a young boy and I always felt I wanted to

It was England's loss. Ask any back-row forward on the Courage league circuit and he will pay a sincere tribute to Smith's quality, bearing in mind also that he has sustained this responsible for its successful im-

period - ever since that defeat at Nottingham was followed a week later by a cup-final annihilation by Bath - when Gloucester collectively have fallen far short

of their traditional eminence. Which perhaps helps explains why he has flourished in a different, less introspective and claustrophobic environ-ment. In the Scottish chain of command Roh Wainwright, the captain, has this season had the good sense to use Smith, with his wisdom gained from long ex-perience, as his first lieutenant.

And within the thrilling strategy of all-out movement with which Scotland have heaten Irclaod, Fraoce and Wales, Smith as open-side flanker has more than any individual been

so long ago fleet-footed for-wards of Smith's ilk were on the verge of extinction in the inter-

Not that Smith ever accepted its inevitability. "I've always said it: what goes round comes round. When you look at the successful teams, especially New Zealand and Australia, they have always picked a specialist open side and basically revolve the game around him. So it's been frustrating to see a game evolving here that involved hig men playing an upright game.

hitting up the middle.

But I was always confident that it was a cyclical thing. Moves we used to use 10 years ago and which then petered out for a while have come back into use again and it's clear that the trend is back in the direction of players like me. But for the open side to be successful depends on the way other units work as well.

the front five in front of it and the back line behind it."

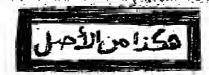
Wales, with Gwyn Jones, and Ireland, by reinstating Denis McBride, are treading much the same path and even in the home of back-row mastodons, England: they have come to acknowledge the requirement for a specialist such as Smith, even if by choosing Lawrence Dallaglio they designedly have a player who must learn as he goes along. None, one would suggest,

has done it as well as Smith during this exhilarating Scottish season. "It is, quite simply, the natural way for me to play, what I've always done from when I was a young lad years ago." he said. "If I perform as I should: then the side functions as it a deliberately ambiguous state

A back row is only as good as English club rugby week in day for Gloucester?



week-out, so I know what they are like, what they can do; then strengths and weaknesses. I mas confident as you can be going into a game like this and that's should, and that's how it will be ment. If we - or should I say if against England. That's a re- we are allowed to play as well sponsibility. I know, but I feel as we can, then it could be a great comfortable with it. day." A great day for Aberdeen "I play against these blokes in no doubt, but would it be a great



There is no middle way for a captain: you either smell as sweet as a Ruud Gullit pass or as foul as a Vinny Jones tackle

As Michael Atberton completes a week in which England's cricketing best team in the world for 20 years track of trumpeting headlines entire squad should be fined with an aqualung, he can take comfort from one thing; he's not Richie Richardson. After Thursday's defeat against Kenya, Richardson has achieved the unlikely feat of making Graham Taylor look like a wanted man.

People in the Caribbean have become immune to disappointment, hut this must go down as the worstever performance," Michael Holding said after the West Indies showed all the spinal consistency of a caterpillar as they crumbled to the East African part-timers. "1 don't know if Richie will go now, but something will have to be done."

must get to you after a while), what was interesting about his comments was the suggestion that dropping the pilot is what is required to put the ship back on course.

Indeed as Maurice Odumbe, Kenya's skipper, after apparently sin-gle-handedly driving his team to victory, savours the prospect of sainthood back home ("they should declare a national holiday in Kenya." he said after his match-winning efforts, "not today, but on my birthday"), this week has provided con-clusive evidence that there is no middle way for a captain; you either smell as sweet as a Ruud Gullit pass. or as foul as a Vinny Jones tackle.

suggesting that Atherion - terse, hang-dog, cool - should be replaced by Dermot Recve - chipper, spon-taneous, passionate - so that even if England lost, they would have the good grace to do so in a sweaty shirt. This campaign has generally been orchestrated by the same voices which recently demanded Atherton's deification after his matcheronic defication after his matcheronic defication after his matcheronic deficiency. saving efforts against South Africa. Meanwhile Will Carling, a man reckoned to be so sharp on the principles of leadership he has made a handy living selling his ideas to hig business. is judged by many shrewd observers to be past his inspire-by date. Dean Richards's return, for instance, has Apart from Holding's idiosyncratic analysis of the length of West in this. The World Cup has England have of winning today: at last Jim White



ON SATURDAY

the team will have someone to inspire

In a sense Carling and Atherton. their manner cerebral rather than gung-ho, are of a kind. According to Brian Moore, Carling's almost

quell nerves. During one interna-tional. Moore recalls, with England trailing and only a few minutes left. Carling gathered the team together as the opposition took yet another penalty and told them not to panie; there was plenty of time left. One of the forwards, prone to adopting the Corporal Jones approach to crisis, sought to disagree with bis skipper: We're effing losing 14 effing 8 and this effer tells us not to effing panic was the gist of his argument. In the event, Moore is happy to accept, Eng-land won and Carting was right.

The problem is, that crisis was temporary. It seems from their two teams' recent performances that the Carling/Atherton way of captaincy has little effect if the decline is more

preternatural calm in his team-talks significant (pull your sleeves up all know that organisations stink was as liable to enrage as it was to quell nerves. During one internawords in their vocabulary). Partiemuch someone half-way down the ularly if, as they have, you have imposed above you a layer of management which is clearly not up to the job. Even Dermot Reeve's particular brand of up-and-at-'em leadership skills would be tested in a dressing-room where morale has been damaged irreparably by Ray Illingworth's treatment of Devon Malcolm and Mark Ramprakash, interjections straight from the Cedric Brown school of man-management. Neither has Carling appeared to thrive under the direction of Jack Rowell, whose idea of team selection is to drop the hest performer.

To suggest either manager is entirely responsible for their country's dip in form is to over-simplify; but we

operation (where Carling and Atherton now find themselves) can do to lift those intangible things - morale and goodwill - that keep a creative enterprise affoat if their leaders show such disloyalty to your colleagues, if Atherton and Carling were free to make decisions that matter, instead of being saddled with cack-handed management, their present predicament would be less threatening.

In the meantime, they can but reficet on the celebratory plaudits that can come a leader's way if the gets it right. How does that version of "Wonderwall" sung by Manchester City fans go again? And Franny, you could have had Richard Madeley: But after all, you got Alan Ball,"

Wales prepared to take advantage of their hosts

Paddy Power, a prominent Dublin bookmaker and not an expression of Irish fortitude, has cleaned up in a big way this sea-son. Of course, he cleans up every year but this time it's a scalping and he is booking his holidays in Bermuda rather tban Blackpool. It seems like many moons ago that, when Ire-land hegan their Five Nations campaign Mr Power was almost engulfed by a green tide of

There is no limit to what Ireland could achieve: Triple Crown Grand Slam, you name it and the money was on. Vic-tories over Fiji and the United States were the red herrings and the line was also baited with the arrival of new management and a new, New Zealand coaching team. Everybody is still waiting, with bated breath.

For today's encounter, which carries the inglorious sub-plot of pass the wooden spoon, the green party has run out of reveliers, Ireland are 11-10, Wales S-11 Favourites to score the first try? The Wales' wings Ieuan Evans and Wayne Proctor. Penality (sic) tries, according to .. the first match, nor for the secthe Power chain of shops, do not ond and are now in a position, count as far as having a point is in rugby terms, of declining to

Tickets set to

Tim Glover reports from Dublin on the meeting of this year's under-achievers

everybody precedes a sentence with the word "now", as in "Now, what are we having?" or "Now, that'll be £2.80 for a pint of Guinness...now, that II be down to inflation."

Now, now is the time for Wales, having stripped the. valleys of daffodils yesterday to celebrate St David's Dav, to gain a tangible reward for a couple of heartening performances that nevertheless resulted in defeat. They scored two tries against England at Twickenham and could have beaten Scotland in Cardiff. Ireland never looked like beating Scotland in Duhlin and need hardly have bothered to take the field against France in Paris, where they conceded seven tries and were rewarded with a penalty try.

Ireland are in a right old pickle and the selectors have made so many changes in such a hrlef space of time they have. almost run out of options. They did not choose wisely for Third World level. Jim Staples. For some reason in Ireland, the captain who went off with hie at Ellis Park. Wales, who

coach and the difference is that the selection of Kevin Bowring concussion against France, is has resulted in a change of replaced by the 22-year-old Orrell full-back Simon Mason heart as well as personnel. Bowring, Wales' sixth coach since 1988 and the first full-time (grandparents from Duhlin) and the captaincy has been appointment, seems to have handed to the scrum-half Niall pulled off the trick of reawak-Hogan. Post-Paris, Ireland ening Wales to its inheritance. have made six changes to per-The audacious choice of Arwel sonnel and another three Thomas at stand-off has changed the complexion of the

positional. Yet the player who had a nightmare at Parc des team from grey to a full-hlooded red. It has not paid off Princes was Hogan, "We discussed Hogan's position at length," Pat Whelan, the manager, said, "Nobody knows yet, but not for the want of try-ing and while Ireland are desperately searching for the right more than Niall Hogan that he had a poor game in Paris in terms of his passing, etc."

Hogan, a doctor, has passed

his exams and it is the best pass he has made this season. He looked as if he needed an umbilical cord to find his partner David Humphreys in Paris, which was all the more surprising given his form in the World Cup in South Africa-last summer. Hogan had an excellent game against Wales in Johannesburg helping Ireland to reach the quarter-final. Both countries are barely recognisable from that little domestic squah-

hlend Wales, for only the fifth time in their history, have had an unchanged team for three games in a row. "We have been encouraged by the way the team has played," Bowring said. "We are building a new side and despite the losses we are making progress in the type of game we want to play. What we are really trying to do is to get the team playing in the traditional Welsh manner which is the fast, fluid and open game I think we

play best. Murray Kidd, the Ireland coach, seemed to be reading Bowring's mind: "Wales look like a team on the up. Their linegame. They are winning a lot of possession. They look sharper than they have for years."

were quite diabolical that

evening, have also changed their

About the only sensible move Ireland made against France was in selecting Humphreys. As it happened, he and Hogan barely made contact and last weekend Ireland would not allow Humphreys to play for his eluh, insisting instead that the half-backs worked on building a rapport in Dublin. Their partnership had got to be better than it was in France but Ireland seem to have lost not only the script hut the prompter. They strung together one marvellous move against Scotland and the hero and try-scorer was Peter Clohessy, and look what happened to him.

piorships in Stockholm, Mark Hydon de-ddied today not to risk a groin streen and withdrew from the 400 metres. The 19-year-old European junior chempion fol-lows fellow 400m runner Melanie Neef and hurdler fony Jamett out of the team named on Wednesday. John Regis and the high jumper Steve Smuth turned down places, while the championships never figured in the plans of Limford Christie, Colin Jackson or Sally Gunnell. Kent Ulivatt takes over from Hydron in

Kent Ulyatt takes over from Hylton in

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Mike Russell produced an unfinished break of 683 for a 968-140 interval lead

over India's world champion, Geet Sethi, in their sem-finel at the Strachan

British Open in Wigan yesterday. In the other semi-final, the defending champion, Peter Glichnst, led Roxton Chap-



Left foot forward: Jonah Lomu is in characteristic form for Auckland against Wellington out is as good as any in the yesterday in the inaugural Super-12 match. His side won 36-28

Double boost for Irish

Ireland twice got the better of Wales yesterday, in A and Under-21 internationals. Tries from Rob Henderson, Anthony Foley and Barry Walsh set up a 25-11 victory at Donnybrook, while the Under-21s won 20-12

at Wicklow Town. Ireland A, who will be going for the Triple Crown when they meet England A at Richmond in a fortnight, went ahead after 14 minutes with Henderson getting in at the corner. Adrian Davies and Conor O'Shea then exchanged penal-ties before the No 8 Stuart

Davies scored Wales' sole try, convincing fashion. The home after a tapped penalty, to level

the scores. Ireland took a 15-8 lead just before half-time, though, with Foley driving over and Eric Elwood converting. Elwood kicked his second penalty in the 54th minute, something matched by Davies moments later.

Ireland wrapped up the match on the hour as the No 8 Barry Walsh capped an excellent performance with a fine try. Elwood adding the conversion. Ireland clinched the until four minutes from time Under-21 Triple Crown in when Connor went over.

side went ahead in the first minute, when the stand-off Fergal Campion kicked a penalty, and tries by the left-wing Jan Cunningham and the prop Barry McConnell were both converted by Campion.

The Welsh prop Lee Manning then crossed for a try which the stand-off Shaun Connor converted, but another penalty goal from Campion sent Ireland in at half-time 20-7 ahead, a lead they held

Cauthorn caution for the **Sharks**

Basketball

DUNCAN HOOPER

The Sheffield Sharks centre Todd Cauthorn, who has played an integral part in the Sharks season to date, is doubtful for tomorrow's National Cup Final against London Towers. The off Sin American was diagnosed with an unspecified leg ailment on Thursday after training for the past week in severe pain.

Team medical staff and management have decided to rest the player in the hope that the condition improves. Doctors fear the infection may spread and become even more acute if aggravated by physical activity.

"Losing Todd would be a big blow to our chances of retaining the Cup," the Sharks gen-eral manager. Yuri Matischen, said. "As it stands right now we

have to prepare as though he will not be playing on Sunday." The Sharks will, however, enjoy a large and vocal support in the Shelfield Arena, "Forget neutral," the London coach. Kevin Cadle, said, "This is an away game for us and a home game for Sheffield, no question. Whatever the crowd, they get ii there tomorrow, 90 per cent of

them will be against us." The Sharks attracted 6.600 fans to Sheffield Arena for last Sunday's Budweiser League

TODAY'S NUMBER

The countries who applied to stage football's 1999 women's World Cup. Although Australia and Chile expressed interest, the deadline passed with only the United States winners in 1991 - having submitted a bid.

Edinburgh is in the grip of rughy fever, with £22 tickets for this afternoon's Scotland against England Calcutta Cup match set to fetch up to £1,000 on the black market. A total of £1m could be riding on the outcome, with book-

£5,000 bet on England. Paul Austin of Ladbrokes, who cannot separate the teams at 10-11, said: "We estimate that film will be wagered on the game, making it the higgest domestic rughy match in history for the betting industry."

Nick Faldo opened his defence of the Doral-Ryder Open in Mi-

ami with a level-par first round

of 72. The former world No 1

had the same score as Sandy

Lyke, on a day when 33 players

were unable to complete their

round because of a delay to the start of play caused by fog.

the 1994 Open, headed the

European challenge with 68.

The Swede was five shots off the

lead, held by former US Open

consecutive birdies on his way

to a nine-under-par 63 to take

a one-stroke lead over his com-

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Super League clais in Australia have called off plans for exhibition matches with which they had boped to fifthe vaccuum left by the legal brock on their compension starting his weekend, writes Dave Hadfalla.

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League was wrecked by a court

judgment on Tuesday, but some

clubs, including the leading lights.

Brishane and Camberra, had set

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up high-profile friendlies in- Lane.

Byrum was a further shot back, is reduced to 54 holes.

Friendly option ruled out

ers. News Ltd. have urged the er Australian, the South Sydney

players not to take part before and former Canterbury centre,

they and the Australian Rugby Andrew Patmore, to play along-

League go back to court next side their recent signing from Wednesday, while Brisbane City Balmain, Matt Munro.

The American reeled off six

champion Lee Janzen.

Jesper Parnevik, runner-up in

IRELAND V WALES sell for £1.000 J Bel N Po makers William Hill, who have England 4-5 favourites and G Ful Scotland evens, having taken a J Day

with Corey Pavin among a group

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Greg Norman, twice a winner of this event, trailed by four shots.

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It was not a good day for

some of the game's biggest names, including Fred Couples

who opened with a three-over-

par 75 and John Daly who

Winds gusting up to 60mph

prevented any play in the sec-

ond round of the Catalan Open

at Bonmont, Spain, yesterday.

The forecast is for conditions to

improve by midday today and

that could mean the tournament

Council was also warned that it

could be in contempt of court if

it provided a venue for the Bris-

bane against Canberra game.

The Rugby League in Britain

has begun talks with the BBC

over how the Challenge Cup can

be fitted into future summer

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This was a West Indian team in name but nothing else. Michael Bolding, the former West-Indian fast bowler. former West-Indian fest bowler.

I would be helpin to stand in a metch involving England again. Shekoor Rana, the uningire who was involved in a rowth Mike Cattling in the Falsababd 'ss. match in 1987, is on standby.' Affectate England's cuader-lines match in the World Cup at the same venue.

Any suspicious person not storping at a security check will be shot. A Pak-letani cricket official describing crowd control methods being employed in the World Cup.

Aspula is from Later America that's the way they are. Kevin Resignation

the Newcastle manager, justifies Pausi-no Asprilla's behaviour during the Man-chester derby last Sunday. We will not keep him here by force. But this is theft. Russia always engaged in theft: slot just tennis players and not just in sport. All forms of talent. Valery Borzov, the head of Ukrane s. Nettona) Olympic Committee, reacts to the de-cision of Andrell Medicides, the British an tennis player to try to switch his alle-plance and play for Russia at the Olympics.

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The last time Bruno fought Tyson in 1989 I had a bet on Frank, but Laiso, had a bet on Evis Presiev sitting at high side. Former world champion John IT Straces on Frank Bruno's chances of retaining his world heavyweight tile by beating Mike Tyson on 16 March.

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I've like chasing a gat. The chase is the fun part. Then when you get there, you find out how difficult she is. American tennis player isn Courier gives his analogy of the problems of reaching and being the No 1 player in the world. Adnan Dodson has pulled out of his World Boxing Organisation Inter-Conti-nental light-model-weight title defence at York Hall, Bethral Green, on 16 March

because of itiness. Dodson's opponent should have been Spain's former European champton, Francisco Javier Casollejo. Having lost his top-of-the-bit attraction, Barry Hearn has decided to call off the whole show but hopes to

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EPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Ireland Universities

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Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, has won a place in the semi-finals at the Milan Indoor ATP Tournament with a 7-6, 6-1 victory over Adnah Volnea, of Romania, yesterday. Thomas Enquist, the defending cham-pion and world No 9 from Sweden, was beaten by Tomas Carbonell, of Spain,

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2-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the second round of the Comcast US Indoor Championship in Philadelphia. It was the third career rotton over a player ranked in the world's top 10 for Carbonell, who has won one

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ONE OF FOOTBALL'S GOOD GUYS

Glenn Moore on Peter Beardsley, Newcastle's smiling survivor Page 24

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Scottish nation poised for its team to right past slights and win the Grand Slam

Burden of history confronts England

Rugby Union

STEVE BALE reports from Edinburgh

To be an England rugby player here in Scotland just now is to appreciate the weight of a history that has nothing to do with a 125-year-old rugby rivalry and not that much to do either with the Scots' brave tilt at a fourth Grand Slam. Rather. we are talking about the baggage of centuries.

Insensitive as it may seem to say so, this afternoon's climactic Five Nations match between Roh Wainwright's and Will Carling's teams can quite clearly be seen as the modern, marginally more benign equivalent of Charles Edward Stuart and the Duke of Cumberland, Why, no sooner had I boarded my taxi vesterday than the driver was going on about 1745.

"I think it will make the Scottish nation very happy if we win," Walnwright understated. "But I'm not sure if there are any political implications." This is an appropriately diplomatic line from an officer (and doc-tor) in the British army but he has to be kidding. Now that he is here. Jack Row-

ell really knows what he means when he laments how difficult such matches - "They're about more than rugby" is one of the manager's repeated lines - are for England. Nut so much international matches as international incidents, they can be made to make up for the slights, real or

imagined, of the ages.
So it is undeniably tense in Edinburgh and England's prospects depend on how creatively they use that tension. This has been the difference between their play and that of Scotland this season. The Scots have flourished specifically by playing rugby on the very edge, where the risks are greatest; the English have been absolutely

TONY COZIER

Barbados

reports from Bridgetown,

Two daily newspapers, the Nation and the

Advocate. Igund the same

damning word for their sizeable

front-page headlines yesterday.

"Shame", they agreed, best summed up the West Indies

loss to Kenya in the World Cup

in India on Thursday, Callers

who inundated radio phone-in

programmes found generally

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unable to move beyond the mundane even when the risks

to accept the notion that his

England have also summoned their "Shrink", as they call him, to Edinhurgh, though

With the recall of Dean

Richards, the risks become lower still and, whether the world's most-capped No 8 been handed personal responsibility for making England perform coherently and as a team.

Not that one Englishman can possibly hold England's fate even in hands as large as Richards', since this season's shortcomings have been general as well as specific, Man for man, a persuasive case could he stated in favour of most of the England players over their Scottish counterparts but the axiom about the whole adding up to more than the sum of its parts can be applied only to the Scots. That said. Jim Telfer declines

team's victories over Ireland, France and Wales should make them favourites, the cryptic Scottish manager preferring to concentrate on Scotland's six consecutive defeats by England since 1990. It is a ploy: the main task this week for Richard Cox. the Scots' team psychologist, has been not to build the players up but to deal with the phenomenal anticipation of their own populace.

Austin Swain's role has to be more about dispelling anxiety. Anyway, the only psychology Dean Richards needs is the sight of a dark-blue jersey: injured at the time of the 1990 Grand Slam misadventure, he has never lost to the Scots. If England perform collec-

press their anger at the team's

performance and the Trinidad

Express saw the defeat hy one of

the minnows of world cricket, in

their first international tourna-

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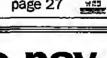
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land will have to hope they find a way to decelerate the Scots, betively in accordance with their cause not withstanding his re-



Tim Glover reports on the battle for



a passionate zeal throughout the

English-speaking Caribbean.

An entire generation has

grown up basking in the reflected

glory of triumphs in the first two World Cups and 15 years invin-cibility in Test cricket that only

ended last May with defeat in a home series by Australia.

Since then the decline has

been steady, with reversals in

one-day tournaments in England. Sharjah and Australia and

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we see evidence that the Eng-

lish players' diminished confi-

Indeed, if Richards is to be the

man to effect this change, Eng-

dence is at last returning.

pulling England all over field.
This was demonstrated not

only by the World Cup semifinal against New Zealand that caused Richards' subsequent exclusion but also by a less wellremembered antipodean Test, against Australia in Sydney in 1991, when England had also been done for pace. Remarkably, it was the last time Richards had been on a losing England side before that All Blacks match.

So Richards, and by extension England, are bound to struggle turn places the onus on Garath a result in that one, too.

Humiliation by a bunch of

weekend club cricketers from a

Wales. However prodigious Archer's talent, it is asking a lot.

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18 End lyric after pounding 20 Note sharp character

24 In report, new man 1 recommend (8) 25 I'm inhibited without

money, that's the snag 26 A whip to make you

yield (4)

through income, like wages rashly invested

Animals with trunks

4 A former queen's outspoken devotee? (6)

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Throwing in their lot: Scotland's forwards finish their match preparation with some line-out work vesterday individual abilities, it is safe to newed status as rugby superman Archer, the new England lock, SCOTLAND y ENGLAND to secure the steady supply the discarded Martin Bayfield failed predict Richards will extend the pack leader's impact on a his run to seven matches - and. game can be decisively reduced to secure against France and given his apparent influence on when the opposition succeed in others as well as his own con-

quite possibly too much. Especially, that is, when you

among 67,000 spectators. The Bruce, the latest Scottish blockbuster with an anti-English like to see it as a perfectly timed

theme, premiered in Aberdeen last night and comes to Edinburgh tonight, and Scots would metaphor for Murrayfield. It was Rohert the Bruce who

if Scotland gain an exploitable fought the Battle of Bannockshare of possession, and that in burn in 1314 and Scotland got

The calls have now become

more strident and it is difficult to

Richardson set to pay for West Indies 'shame'

partner Viking Flagship and Zahadi, favourites for the Champion Chase and Triumph Hurdle respectively, at the three-day meeting which opens

a week on Tuesday. Williamson, who completed the Gold Cup/Champion Hurdle double on Master Oats and Alderbrook 12 months ago. would have gone to Chel-tenham with every chance of do-

ing so again.
Williamson's shoulder had previously been dislocated in a fall at Newbury three weeks ago during his first ride in Britain since breaking his leg at Sedgefield in October. The shoulder

must now be operated on and

fore being helped to an ambu-lance, grasping his shoulder. At the Princess Margaret Hospital in Swindon, X-rays confirmed that his collar-bone was broken.

With 10 days to go to the festival, the search for replacements hegan immediately. Richard Dunwoody, the champion jockey may come in for the ride on Alderbrook, if other commitments permit, while Charlie Swan is expected to take over on Viking Flagship, Jamie Osborne is likely to partner Master Oats, while Tony McCoy, Dunwoody's heir apparent, may also pick up

some prime rides.